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SPAIN FASCISTS CONDUCT BRUTAL TERROR

Coast Labor Scores CIO Suspension

Sailors, Culinary, Other Unions On
Pacific Coast Hit Illegal
Splitting Move

SAN FRANCISCO.—The action of the A.F.L. Council in ordering suspension of 10 unions affiliated with the C.I.O. is arousing growing dissatisfaction in San Francisco organized labor's ranks.

SEATTLE POST STRIKE CLOSES HEARST PLANT

Typos With Guild;
Teamsters, Dock
Unions Picket

SEATTLE.—The Hearst Seattle "Post-Intelligencer," struck by the Newspaper Guild, has failed to appear for the fifth day running. Over 40 of the editorial staff members are out.

A 24-hour picket line is being maintained, and the "Guild Daily" is being published by the strikers each day.

Members of the Teamsters, Longshoremen, Lumber Workers, and other unions have swelled the picket lines.

There is talk of continuing the "Guild Daily" as a peoples' newspaper in direct competition with Hearst, even after the strike ends.

Scabs By Plane

Scabs and gunmen are reported as being flown in from California, particularly from Los Angeles, and from the East.

The plant is entirely closed. Printers, members of Typographical Local 202, and Pressmen marched in a body from Labor Temple to go to work last Friday, but turned back in a body at the plant, refusing to go (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 2)

San Jose Council Hits CIO Ban

SAN JOSE.—Threatened suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions by the A.F.L. Executive Council is sharply protested in a resolution adopted by the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council.

The resolution states in part: "Whereas, we are confident that the American Federation of Labor, if it maintains its ranks unbroken, is on the eve of a victorious campaign to bring new millions of American workers into its fold;

"Therefore, be it resolved that the Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County, California, vigorously protests the threatened suspension of the C.I.O. unions from the American Federation of Labor and earnestly requests the executive council of the American Federation of Labor to reconsider this action and to seek to find a peaceful solution that will preserve the strength of the union."

FAILS TO GET CONTROL OF SACRAMENTO ALLIANCE, LEGIONNAIRE FORMS POLICE-BACKED GROUP

SACRAMENTO.—Because the recently organized Workers Alliance is growing fast in and around this city, enemies of the unemployed are trying to organize a dual, fake organization to combat the Alliance.

Miscellaneous Culinary Workers Local 110 adopted a resolution protesting the suspension, and this resolution was read in the Central Labor Council last Friday night.

The Sailors Union of the Pacific added its name to that of I.L.A. local 38-79 and other maritime unions in going on record as protesting the C.I.O. suspension.

Machinists Local 68 has adopted such a resolution and sent it to its International.

EVERETT, Wash.—A referendum vote among all A.F.L. members, on the question of industrial unionism, is demanded in a telegram sent by the Everett Central Labor Council to William Green. The telegram asked that no action be taken against the 10 C.I.O. unions until such a referendum has been taken.

Legal Experts on Suspension
NEW YORK.—Following an exhaustive study of the A.F.L. constitution, the International Juridical Association's staff of legal experts have announced that the action of the A.F.L. Council in ordering suspension of 10 C.I.O. unions is absolutely and definitely illegal.

Although the Council has wide powers over directly affiliated labor unions, the constitution limits its power over national and international unions, the re-

Cotton, Machine Strikers Join

OAKLAND.—The largest and most inspiring picket lines seen in Alameda County have resulted from the action of the Machinists Local 284 and the California Cotton Mills strikers in combining picket lines.

Over 500 picketed the San Leandro plant of Caterpillar Tractor on Monday morning. The Caterpillar is one of the 41 shops struck by the machinists.

California Cotton Mill strikers joined the machinists picket line. In the afternoon over 500 picketed the California Cotton Mills, and machinists joined this action. Arrangements have been made for joint picket lines daily, at the machine shop in the morning and the cotton mill in the afternoon.

Police used tear gas and clubs to attack the Caterpillar picket line Monday morning. A picket was arrested, but the strikers freed him immediately.

Local 68, San Francisco Machinists, had representatives on the Caterpillar picket line Monday.

The crew of the lumber steamer Davenport donated \$16 to the California Mills strike.

AS PEOPLE'S FRONT GIVES SPANISH FASCISTS DEFEAT AFTER DEFEAT!



LEFT, the General Motors plant in Barcelona, reported taken over by the workers. This report is unconfirmed. Fascists suffered bitter defeat at hands of General Motors workers. RIGHT, Spanish War Minister Costello confers with General Piquel, head of government and peoples forces in the Guadarrama Mts. north of Madrid, where fascists suffered another severe defeat.



SALINAS UNION FOR NEW PACT

Agricultural Union
For 15% Raise

SALINAS.—The Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union here, attempting to gain better wages and conditions for the agricultural workers, is meeting with the arrogance of the big growers.

A rank and file committee from the Union met with the Growers and Shippers, who refused even to discuss a new agreement. The Shippers said they would fix up the old agreement and discuss it.

Many sheds here have warned the workers to save their money, with the threat that after Sept. 1 they will lock out all union members. The old agreement expires Sept. 1, and this is (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 6)

Seamen Strike On 'Kentuckian'

WILMINGTON, Cal.—Twenty five members of the crew of the freighter Kentuckian went out on strike when the ship docked at Wilmington.

The strikers, seamen, oilers and firemen, charged that they were served poor food and that the Captain endangered the lives of the seamen by forcing them to rig cargo booms at sea under the most hazardous conditions. The freighter, with 1800 tons of cargo, was idle at the harbor at sailing time with its cargo unloaded.

Forced to Indict 23 In Sta. Rosa.

SANTA ROSA.—Mass pressure has forced the indictment of 23 members of a vigilante mob which kidnapped and tarred and feathered Jack Green.

They are charged with kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon and other felonies.

All 23 are well known business and professional men in this area, including the secretary of the Healdsburg Chamber of Commerce.

Bail of \$500 was set on each. Warrants for their arrest were filed by State Atty. U. S. Webb. (See Page 3 for more on Santa Rosa.)

PRESS INCITES ROMAN HOLIDAY AT KENTUCKY LEGAL LYNCHING

OWENSBORO, Ky.—A great wave of anger is sweeping through the ranks of progressive people in Kentucky as the result of the "turning of a legal lynching of a Negro worker into a Roman holiday," through the incitement of the press in this area.

Imbued with race hatred sown into their minds by the wealthy white ruling class, 10,000 persons hysterically cheered the hanging of Rainey Bethea, 22-year-old Negro, here.

The press egged on this blood-thirsty spirit by appealing to chauvinist feelings playing up the lynching in the most gaudy manner for days ahead.

A woman sheriff, Florence Thompson, was scheduled to spring the trap, but backed out at the last minute. When the hanging was over, members of the mob fought for shreds of the dead man's black hood.

Incited by the lynch-mind press, members of the mob perched in trees, thronged the tops of nearby buildings and howled in glee as the Negro's body writhed in its last agonies.

Courts Fight San Jose Strike

SAN JOSE.—With San Jose's 500 laundry strikers out over a month now, the open shop Co-operative Laundry Owners Assn. turned to the courts for aid in keeping the industry open shop in San Jose.

Suits were commenced by the owners against laundries which have signed agreements with the Laundry Workers Union, leader of the strike.

In injunction suits against the Sainte Claire Laundry of Santa Clara, and the Garden City Laundry in San Jose, the association charges that these plants which have settled, violated fair trade practices by hiring union drivers and solicitors now on strike from other laundries here.

A temporary injunction was granted against the Sainte Claire by Superior Judge Syer. Secretary George E. Watson of the association is the "directing genius" behind the latest move. He was brought from the East by the open shoppers.

Tex. Posse Kills 2 Negro Chain Gang Fugitives

LUFKIN, Tex.—Two Negro fugitives from the brutality of the Sugarland prison farm chain-gang were shot like dogs and killed, by a posse.

To whitewash the cold-blooded murder, Constable Pryor claimed that the Negroes had opened fire on him.

CONDITIONS LIKE FASCISM

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Union organization among southern sharecroppers has to work under conditions closely like fascism, Willie Sue Bladen, a social worker told a Washington audience. Constitutional rights don't exist there.

M'Laughlin's Lancers On Way Out?

HOLLYWOOD.—Some of Victor M'Laughlin's "Light Horse Lancers" may just be getting a kick out of playing soldier and wearing gaudy uniforms, but the public seems to have reacted differently to this fascist outfit.

The Lancers are on the way out, according to the syndicated column of Jimmy Fidler, the Hollywood Walter Winchell.

"Growing public antagonism," says Jimmy, may force M'Laughlin to abandon his "small personal army" of would-be storm troopers. "If protests are ignored they may reach the deluge stage," and "that would be the end of M'Laughlin," says Jimmy.

6 MINERS DIE IN GAS-FILLED NEVADA MINE

MOUNTAIN CITY, Nev.—Improper safety conditions were responsible for the death of six men killed in the workings of the Mountain City Copper Co. mine here.

Gas filled the mine, choking the miners to death.

BROWDER WILL SPEAK AT NATL. PRESS CLUB

WASHINGTON.—Earl Browder, Communist presidential candidate, has accepted an invitation to be guest of honor at a special luncheon of the National Press Club, on Aug. 26.

Browder will touch, among other things, on the program of Union Party candidate Lemke and Gerald K. Smith, both of whom recently spoke at the club.

This is the first time a Communist has been invited to speak at the famous newspapermen's organization.

Orange Strikers Are Freed Of Frame-Up

LA HABRA.—Six Mexican workers arrested in connection with the recent orange strike were released at a preliminary hearing held last Friday when their cases were dismissed for lack of evidence. They were charged with "riot." All had been in jail 29 days.

The defendants were represented by Grover Johnson, attorney for the International Labor Defense.

"REACTION CAN BE DEFEATED"

Browder Speaks To
4000 In Seattle

SEATTLE.—"Reaction is strong, ferocious and unscrupulous," Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President, told 4000 people here at Civic Auditorium last Friday night.

"But the victory of reaction is not inevitable. It can be defeated, but the forces of the people must be organized into such an alliance as the people of Spain and France have found necessary to preserve their democratic rights.

"We may be faced by a similar attempt here to overthrow the government by the same forces that are asking you to support the Fascists in Spain," Browder warned.

Browder also spoke to 1000 people in Norse Hall in Portland, Oregon, last Thursday night.

4000 Fired To Get Other WPA Jobs

LOS ANGELES.—More than 4000 men laid off from Los Angeles county flood control projects will be back to work on other WPA projects next week, Col. Donald H. Connelly announced last Saturday.

However, the workers have expressed dissatisfaction over the switch from USED to WPA projects. One skilled worker exhibited a transfer slip yesterday explaining that he had been forced to accept a reduction in pay from \$85 on USED to \$55 on WPA. On the latter he received a common labor classification.

There is ample proof, workers declared, that there does not exist a shortage of skilled labor in Los Angeles county, a recent cry of the chamber of commerce. A demonstration protesting the flood project layoffs was held at the Plaza Saturday afternoon by the local council of the Workers' Alliance. Demands were made for immediate reinstatement of all dismissed workers without loss in pay.

It was announced by Pat Callahan, Workers' Alliance leader, that a picket line would form at WPA headquarters, Monday, 10 a.m. to protest the recent wholesale firing of workers. Neighborhood mass meetings will also be held this week, Callahan said.

YOUNG COMMUNISTS TO WELCOME CARLSON, NEW STATE ORGANIZER, AT PARTY THIS FRIDAY

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco invites all friends of the youth movement to attend a welcome party on Friday, Aug. 21, for Frank Carlson, new state secretary of the League, and a member of the National

Butcher 1000 But Peoples' Front Solid

Workers' Militia, Govt. Troops Are
Massing Forces; Ehrenburg Tells
Of Spanish Fascists' Terror

MADRID.—Wholesale mass executions of workers, with nearly 1000 men and more than 100 women shot down, have been carried out by Fascists at Almedralaje, in the province of Badajoz, reports the correspondent of the Lisbon paper Diario Noticias.

Spanish foreign legionnaires, murderous cut-throat scum of every country in the world, backed by native Moorish troops from Spanish Morocco, are turning the province into a shambles.

Mass Murders
In every village captured by the Fascists, peasants and workers suspected of having offered resistance, are lined up against walls with their women folk, and mown down by firing squads.

Meanwhile, the workers' militia and government troops were massing their forces at Oviedo, Zaragoza and Granada before new onslaughts are launched against the stubborn beleaguered Fascist garrisons.

New government columns are advancing westward and southward to meet the Fascists attacking Badajoz. Battles are raging on six fronts, with the Fascists utilizing to the utmost their Nazi and Italian bombing planes.

Workers Are Heroic

MOSCOW.—(By Cable)—Bestial terrorism practiced by the Spanish Fascists is revealed in dispatches from Ilya Ehrenburg, Soviet government newspaper.

"Heavy fighting continues on the San Sebastian-Irun front," writes Ehrenburg. "Having evacuated Tolosa, a workers' detachment stationed 100 men also await trial on this charge.

Released on \$5 bail each, the 18 were arrested for picketing the Richmond Creamery plant, against which drivers are striking.

The Richmond pickets held up a copy of the local Labor News, with the large black headline, (Cont. on Page 2, Col. 4)

Molders Solid In Stockton Strike

STOCKTON.—Molders Union pickets have been stationed at three foundries, in which 150 men are on strike for a scale of 52 1/2 to 95 cents an hour.

Strikers have indulged in no violence as intimidated by the local press, but have displayed their militancy nonetheless. Scab castings loaded on a railroad car were found to have been mysteriously unloaded.

For a while two policemen were stationed at the struck Monarch Foundry, but drifted away when they could find no excuse to go into action against the strikers.

Plants involved are Stockton Iron Works, Engineering and Foundry Co., and the Monarch Foundry.

FRUIT WORKERS FOR CONFERENCE VS. VIGILANTES

WATSONVILLE.—A broad conference of all trade unions and progressive organizations to combat vigilante terror is called for in a resolution passed by the Watsonville branch of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union.

At this conference committees of action are to be set up to be ready to suppress any anti-labor moves of vigilantes.

Committee of the League.
The party will also bid farewell to Jack Olsen, former Y.C.L. state organizer.

Olsen has been released as state organizer to serve as Y.C.L. Section Organizer of Los Angeles. The party will be held at

8 p.m. at 121 Haight St.
In the next meeting of the Western Worker Carlson's speech at the San Francisco Browder meeting will be published, stating the position of the Y.C.L. on the Farmer-Labor Party.

CRAFT UNIONISM AT ITS WORST SHOWN IN QUARREL AT CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL, SAN FRANCISCO

Operating Engineers' Jurisdictional Fight
With Firemen Precipitates Wild
Charges, Counter Charges

SAN FRANCISCO.—Last Friday's meeting of the San Francisco Central Labor Council undoubtedly convinced many delegates from craft unions that the sooner the A.F.L. adopts a policy of industrial unionism, the sooner labor will be thoroughly organized.

LABOR FOE IN ARMY BLASTED

Wrote for Hearst;
CP Writes Dern

NEW YORK.—A sharp letter has been sent by the Communist Party to Secretary of War Dern, protesting the fascist attacks against the labor movement, written in the Hearst New York American by Lt.-Col. Orvel Johnson. The latter is a director of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Johnson asserted in the Hearst papers that "secret Red forces, first-aid and medical squads, fully uniformed and equipped, have been organized within the United States."

This was termed libelous by the Communist Party. The Party asked that no protection be given Johnson's deliberate provocations by his "official title and army uniform."

BARE TROTSKY TERROR PLOT

Planned To Murder
Soviet Leaders

MOSCOW.—(By Cable)—Discovery of a number of Trotskyist-Zinoviev terrorist groups, preparing terrorist acts against leaders of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the Soviet State, under the direct instructions of Trotsky and under the direct leadership of the so-called United Center Trotsky-Zinoviev bloc, has just been made by the People's Commissariat of Home Affairs.

Examination established that the Trotskyist-Zinoviev bloc was organized in 1932, on the instructions of Trotsky and Zinoviev, with the following:

Zinoviev, Evdokimov, Bakayev, Smirnov, Mratchkovsky, Tervaganyan, and others.

Murderers of Kirov

The murder of Sergei Kirov, leader of the Communist Party in Leningrad, committed by Nikolaev and Kotlov of the Leningrad terrorist group on December 1st, 1934, was prepared and carried through on the direct instructions of Trotsky, Zinoviev and the United Center.

For the purpose of committing terrorist acts against leaders of the Party and of the Soviet State, a number of Trotsky terrorists were directly commanded by Trotsky from abroad including Olberg Bernag, Yurin, David, N. Lurye, it was discovered.

Indictment Confirmed

The indictment of the State Prosecutor U.S.S.R. is confirmed and has been forwarded, together with the documents of the case, to the military tribunal of the high law courts of the U.S.S.R., to be dealt with on the basis of the resolution of the Central Executive Committee of the Soviet Union of August 11th.

Zinoviev, Kamanov, Levodokimov, Smirnov, Bakayev, Mratchkovsky, Tervaganyan, Dreitzer, Holzman, Reinhold, Pikel, Olberg, Berman Yurin, David, N. Lurye and M. Lurye will be charged before the Military Tribunal of the highest law court of the U.S.S.R. on August 19th.

Hearst Men Get Key Republican Campaign Jobs

NEW YORK.—The direct connection between Hearst and Landon is shown in the fact that two Republican publicity jobs have been given to Hearst political writers.

Henry Connors, former political writer for the Syracuse Journal, will handle publicity for the G.O.P. state committee; Leo Casey, until recently political editor of the New York Journal, will be a national committee press executive.

What went on gave the delegates and visitors an eye-ful and an earful of craft unionism at its worst.

The report of the executive committee, read by Secretary John O'Connell, recommended that the Rainier Brewery be allowed to hire a fireman, to be a member of the Stationary Firemen's Union. A delegate from the Operating Engineers jumped up and objected, claiming that it was not necessary for any member of the Firemen to be employed in the brewery. A jurisdictional fight was raging, it was clear.

Battle of the Crafts

This precipitated a hot battle between the delegates from various conservative craft unions, in which plenty of mud was thrown.

In the course of the debate, enough charges and counter-charges were made by delegates from the Teamsters, Bottlers, Firemen, Engineers, etc., in regard to the stealing of members by one craft union from another, to sicken any one who has the real interests of labor at heart.

An Engineer's delegate shouted that his union never got a break in the Council since John O'Connell was secretary.

It was finally decided, on a rising vote, to have the executive committee again take up the question.

A delegate from Warehousemen 38-44 reported that, pressed by the Industrial Assn., the drug warehouses had refused to deal with the union, and that at a meeting of the Union 90 per cent of the membership had voted for action if after one more attempt the drug warehouse bosses retain their unwillingness to recognize the union. Local 38-44 has 3000 members now, it was reported.

Aid San Jose Strike

Numerous donations to the San Jose laundry strike were reported, among them one of \$150 by the San Francisco Laundry Drivers.

The Organizing Committee recommended to accept affiliation of the Northern California Newspaper Guild and seating of 10 delegates, as soon as the Guild's affiliation fee is received by the Council.

A resolution adopted by Miscellaneous Culinary Workers 110, condemning the suspension of 10 unions for CIO affiliation, was read to the Council.

A report on the brutality of the police and thugs in the Orange County citrus strike was given by Fred West, Window Cleaners delegate, who was sent to the strike scene by the State Federation of Labor.

Seattle Post Strike Closes Hearst Plant

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through the picket line. Since then, the mechanical employees have displayed complete solidarity with the editorial strikers.

Real Issues

The scab editorial crew was removed last Friday at 4 a. m. by a convoy of police.

The Seattle "Times" and "Star" are frantic, crying about "labor racketeering," and avoiding carefully the real issues which caused the strike—the dismissal of Frank Lynch, veteran photographer, and Everhard Armstrong, drama critic, for Guild membership.

The "Post-Intelligencer" has been broadcasting slanderous attacks on the strike over every local radio station, every 15 minutes, apparently paving the way for their big strikebreaking attempt.

Food, cots and bedding for strikebreakers were brought to the plant, and the pickets did not remain passive about it in regard to this. One strike picket was arrested and another badly beaten by police. He is in the hospital.

Jonathan Eddy, national executive secretary of the Guild, is here to help conduct the strike.

INCORPORATED STOOLES

WASHINGTON.—The Invisible Defenders of America has recently been incorporated here, stating the order is secret, "patriotic," and obtains information for the police.

GREAT ATHLETES AT LABOR MEET



LABOR'S OWN OLYMPIC GAMES took place at Randall's Island, New York, Aug. 15-16. Among the great athletes to take part was Eulace Peacock, Negro sprint star and jumper, shown at right. Left, the cup donated to the team scoring the highest number of points.

USES COPELAND AGAINST USSR

Voice Editor Takes
Word of Union Foe

SAN FRANCISCO.—The editor of the Voice of the Federation, organ of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, seemed so eager to attack the Soviet Union, only country ruled by the working class, that he did not hesitate to make use of the seamen's vicious enemy, Senator Royal S. Copeland in order to do so.

Quote Copeland Sneers

A news item in the Aug. 13 issue of the Voice quotes Copeland to the effect that the Soviet Union has decreed that no American seaman may set foot on Soviet soil without the continuous discharge book called for in the Copeland Act.

The sneers of Copeland are quoted with glee by the Voice editor. The item has aroused indignation among many maritime workers.

The Voice editor made no attempt to secure the Soviet side of this matter, being only too glad to take the word of Copeland, who has been repeatedly attacked in the Voice and by maritime unions as a shipowner's agent.

Hurry To Fill C.S. Repeal Petitions

HURRY!

This one-word message to speed collection of signatures on the petition for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, was sent out this week by the State Conference for Repeal of the C.S. Act.

The San Francisco deadline for circulation of petitions is next Sunday, August 23rd, while many other counties have approximately the same final dates. The petitions are to be pre-circulated, and then filed with the county clerks in the respective counties throughout the state.

Later reports indicate that the drive is becoming successful, the State Conference reports.

N. Guard General Paves Way For Use in Strikes

VENTURA.—"Cooperation and friendliness" between the residents of California communities and the National Guardsmen was stressed in a speech here by Adjutant-General Moorehead. This was part of plans to get away with use of the Guardsmen against coming strikers in southern California.

Units have been installed in Ventura, St. Helena, and Richmond, Moorhead reported.

Gallagher To Debate With Legionnaire

LOS ANGELES.—Leo Gallagher, non-partisan candidate for Superior Judge, Office 15, will debate with an American Legionnaire, to be selected later, at the Epic Auditorium, 123 North Lake Street, Sunday, August 23rd, at 8 p. m.

Gallagher will speak for the affirmative of the question: "Should the Criminal Syndicalism Law be repealed?"

CHARTER OF NEGRO TOWN LIFTED

CHARLESTON, S. C.—Unable to longer stand the sight of Negroes governing themselves successfully, the State Legislature has withdrawn the charter of the town of Maryville. At one time the town's citizenry was composed entirely of Negroes, its Mayor, town council and policeman being Negroes.

In its 50 years of Negro administration, the town's jail was rarely occupied.

Long Beach AFL In Vital Fight

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"Strike On."

Milk trucks of this company are being protected by armed guards.

Chamness, head of the Richmond Dairy, is a Chamber of Commerce leader, and was brought up in the service of the Bixbys, hereditary overlords of Long Beach.

Milk drivers here get half of the \$178 a month paid in Alameda County, in Northern California, where the union recently won a new agreement.

The following telegram was sent to the striking truck-drivers of the Richmond Creamery, by the Workers Alliance:

Richard J. Seltzer, Business Agent, Chauffeurs Truck Drivers and Helpers Local 692, Labor Temple, 1230 Locust Ave., Long Beach:

We condemn unconstitutional anti-picketing ordinance and use of police as strike-breakers stop. We supported picket line on St. Mary's Hospital strike and offer support of organized unemployed to help make the harbor district a hundred per cent union.

(Signed) Workers Alliance of California, Local 1, Long Beach, Mary Davis, Secretary and Local 18, Long Beach, Jack Dyer, Secretary.

BROWN URGES COMMUNISTS IN LABOR PARTY

NEW YORK.—The need for a lasting Labor Party was stressed by prominent labor leaders at the first city-wide conference of the American Labor Party, formed by the Labor Non-Partisan League.

Delegates came from 18 international and 298 local unions. A bid by Mayor LaGuardia for support in 1937 was seen in the presence of City Chamberlain Berie, who hailed the formation of the Labor Party.

Pres. Heywood Brown of the Newspaper Guild warned the party of the danger of excluding Communists from membership. "It should have the broadest base possible," he said.

Socialists And Communists To Debate

SAN FRANCISCO.—"The Fight Against War—How?" will be the subject of a debate under the joint auspices of the Communist Party and the Socialist Party, to be held at the Dover Hall, 3541 Eighteenth Street, here on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 8 p. m.

David Stevens will speak for the Socialist Party, and Ollie O'Connor for the Communist Party.

POLICE SMASH STREET MEET IN L. A. AGAIN

"Don't Give A Damn,
You Can't Speak,"
Says Cop

LOS ANGELES.—Continuing to ignore the people's constitutional rights to free speech and free assembly, the Los Angeles police again smashed an election street rally of the Communist Party at Breed and Brooklyn streets in the Boyle Heights section last night.

Driving their cars through the crowd of nearly 300 people, which had been listening to Emma Cutler, Communist candidate for Congress in the 13th District, Joseph Turchinsky and others, police jumped from their squad cars and pulled the box from under the squeaker. The cops began to kick, shove and push the crowd, threatening to use tear gas to disperse them.

Cops "Don't Give Damn"

Grover Johnson, non-partisan candidate for district attorney, scheduled to talk at the meeting, was denied the right to speak by the police. When Johnson told the police he was a candidate for district attorney, a policeman replied, "We don't give a damn, you can't speak."

A crowd of about 1000 people which gathered at the corner when police started to break up the meeting, was clearly in sympathy with the Communists, shouting, "let them speak" and "we want Johnson."

Democrat Not Molested

Wofle Adler, a Democratic candidate for Congress holding a meeting a block away, was not molested by the police.

Delegates protested the breaking up of the meeting to the police. Other delegations will protest to city officials the actions of the police department.

Butcher 1000, But People's Front Solid

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translation of cables from the "Paris-Soir" correspondent in Seville:

"Every day General Queipo de Llano (Fascist) is present at the execution of prisoners. He does not conceal this but takes evident pride in it. While I was talking to him, he suddenly took out his watch, saying: By the way, at this very minute, my men are shooting the governor of Cadiz and three of his assistants."

OVIEDO—A People's Front army of Asturias miners, armed with thousands of sticks of dynamite, blasted their way through Fascist forces to the outskirts of Oviedo, carrying the dynamite sticks in their belts, lighting the fuses from burning cigarettes and cigars, and snuffing them at the enemy.

Foils Provocateur

COLOGNE.—(By Cable)—"You still have a poor idea of what is happening here," said Premier Jose Giral Pereira to the Madrid correspondent of the Nazi paper, Koelnische Zeitung, Cologne evening paper, when asked how fast Spain is approaching a proletarian dictatorship.

The premiere's answers to the would-be provocative questions of the German correspondent were published in the Zeitung last Friday.

"What do you think of the statements made by numerous foreign observers that Spain is fast approaching a proletarian dictatorship?" the correspondent asked.

"How long have you been in Spain?" replied Pereira.

Gives C.P. Position

"You still have a poor idea about what is happening here," said the premier. "The government which I represent is Left Republican. There is not a single Socialist in it."

"The Socialist and Communist Parties are supporting the government. The Communist Party has repeatedly emphasized that it does not intend to utilize the situation to achieve its final ends. The Communist Party is still holding firmly to the program of People's Front. This program says nothing about the dictatorship of the proletariat."

"We do not doubt victory for one minute, because we have sufficient forces. All harbors, except the ports of Corunna and Cadiz, are in our hands, and the government fleet is watching the Straits of Gibraltar."

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GETTING SET FOR WAR



WAR CLOUDS HANG LOW, and British government is providing 40,000,000 gas masks like the above, for every person on the British Isles. Imperialist war can be stopped, and organized labor must jump into the forefront of the united front anti-war movement, led by the American League Against War and Fascism.

AAU SUSPENDS JESSE OWENS

Finds Excuse Against
Negro Star

BERLIN.—The Amateur Athletic Union finally found an "excuse" to get rid of Jesse Owens, Negro athlete who was the outstanding star of the Olympic Games, here last Sunday when they announced he had been suspended for not going on a trip to Sweden with a team of American track and field stars.

"We had no alternative under the circumstances but to disbar Owens," said Dan Ferris, secretary-treasurer, after conferring with Hitler's pal, Avery Brundage, president of the American Olympic Committee.

"It's an open and shut case of violating an agreement."

Owens Spikes "Excuse"

LONDON.—"If the report that I'm suspended turns out to be true," said Jesse Owens here, "I should consider it most unfair, as I never signed a contract to go to Stockholm."

"It seems to me I have done my part for the A.A.U. in Berlin, and I also ran in four meets since then, and it is only one week since the track events in Berlin ended. I have been running practically all year and I deserve a rest."

The world's greatest track star referred all inquiries as to his turning professional, to his coach, Larry Snyder, who also scored the action of the A.A.U.

Labor Meet Is Success

NEW YORK.—Giving evidence that in the future it will probably become more important than the Olympic Games, the first World Labor Athletic Carnival closed its two-day meet at Randall Island Stadium last Sunday with George Varoff, world record holder, soaring 14 feet, 4 1/4 inches to win the pole vault.

The San Francisco janitor missed by the narrowest of margins in an attempt to clear 14 feet, 7 inches for a new world mark. His performance, however, exceeded the height made by Earle Meadows in winning the Olympic title.

Other workers competing also turned in exceptionally good performances in the various track and field events.

Salinas Union Seeks New Pact

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an attempt to scare the workers into accepting the employers' terms.

At a well-attended union meeting, the members voiced strong determination to stick by the new agreement.

The growers seem to be attempting to provoke a strike, and to use the Associated Farmers and Citizens Committee to instigate a reign of terror.

The new agreement, drawn up by representatives elected from over 40 sheds, is about the same as the old one, with the addition of equal pay and conditions for men and women, preferential hiring, refusing to pass through a picket line, and 15 per cent increase in wages.

DYERS FOR LEWIS IDEA

PASSAIC, N. J.—Textile Dyers Local 1932, with 2500 members, pledged moral and financial support to the Committee for Industrial Organization.

2 KANS. TRUSTS DOMINATE GOV. LANDON RULE

TOPEKA, Kans.—Two powerful financial groups dominate the Landon administration in Kansas, it is charged in a report by Leslie Doud, editor of the Kansas Labor Weekly published here.

They are the school book trust and the light and power trust. Landon selected Dean Ackers, general manager of the Kansas Light and Power Co. and president of the state Chamber of Commerce to head the Kansas Emergency Relief Administration.

School children Robbed

As for the school-book trust, the state pays a high royalty to the publishers, and the books are sold to school children at from 25 to 40% higher for the same books than in other states.

Landon was elected governor in 1934 on a Republican platform containing six labor planks, but not one of these was enacted into law under Landon. Doud charges.

Unions Hit C.I.O. Suspension

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Only a two-thirds majority vote at the annual A.F.L. convention can bring about disciplinary action against national and international unions, the report goes on to show.

"As a matter of practice disciplinary action or suspension when applied to national or international unions has always been carried out pursuant to specific directions of the convention, and the Executive Council has never been considered empowered to suspend such affiliated unions or to otherwise discipline them in its own discretion or under its own authority."

Steel Drive Progresses

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—Chairman Philip Murray of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, which is sponsored by the C.I.O. and the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, revealed that the drive to organize steel is progressing so far that the Wheeling Steel Portsmouth, O.; Cochrane Iron Co., Monongahela, Pa.; Standard Steel Spring, Coraopolis, Pa. among other companies are negotiating with the S.W.O.C.

Assurances of support to the steel drive have come from the Baltimore Federation of Labor, Wisconsin Federation of Labor, the big Dressmakers Local 22 New York; Chicago Local 6, Metal Polishers, etc., etc.

New endorsements of the C.I.O. and protests against suspension have come from the following union bodies, among others: Minneapolis Central Labor Council; Vermont Federation of Labor; Monongahela, W. Va. Labor Council; Branch 7, Hosiery Workers, Paterson; Branch 10 of the same union, Reading, Pa. (8000 members); Butte Miners Union No. 1; South Bend, Ind. Labor Council; New Castle, Pa. Labor Council, among hundreds of such endorsements and protests.

Freedom of Press Fight in Texas

AUSTIN, Tex.—A battle is raging for freedom of the press for the Daily Texan, University of Texas student publication. Congressman Maury Maverick has taken up the cudgels for the paper. At a luncheon to vice-president Garner Maverick called this a Nazi move.

L. BEACH LABOR NEWS SLANDER AGAINST SPAIN

Great Indignation In
Ranks Of Trade
Unionists

LONG BEACH.—Great indignation has been aroused in the ranks of labor at a slanderous, full-page attack in the local "Labor News" against the people of Spain, who, under the leadership of the trade unions are fighting desperately to crush fascism once and for all.

The Workers Alliance here has sent the following protest to editor Fletcher of the Labor News:

Carl Fletcher,

Editor, The Labor News,

Long Beach.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Instructed by the members of our union, we are sending you this protest at the anti-working class character of the full-page unsigned editorial on the civil war in Spain, which appeared in the Labor News Aug. 7th.

Vicious Attack On Labor

Under the heading "Can It Happen Here?" you publish a vicious attack on all working-class activity and all working-class organization.

In attacking the countries and governments of Spain and France and Russia, where working-class organizations are not suppressed but encouraged your "editorial" arouses the suspicions of all honest workers and causes us to enquire: Why are you silent about conditions in Germany and Italy, where the bloody rule of Fascism has destroyed all trade union and other workers' organizations and has ruthlessly wiped out every vestige of civil and constitutional rights of the entire population?

May we point out that in Spain the "fomenters of class-hatred" are not "reds" (or even Democrats) but replicas of Hearst, Morgan, Coughlin, etc., among them the fugitive orator and red-baiter Gil Robles, army officers, and the steel, oil, munitions, publishing and banking magnate Juan March. Not to mention a priest or two. Or Standard Oil's Spanish representative and our millionaire "Self-ridge."

You can learn from the news dispatches that Spain's "alien agitators" are Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy who have supplied over a hundred modern Capronis, Savoias, Junkers and Heinkel scouting, bombing and pursuit planes and who have furnished the officers to man them (dressed in the uniforms of the Spanish Foreign Legion).

You can also learn that the Spanish reactionaries are committing treason and murder because they lost the last election. That when an overwhelming majority of the Spanish people voted to curb the arrogant rule of the bankers and industrial capitalists, these prototypes of our "Liberty" Leaguers turned to mass murder to perpetuate their rule.

Your unsigned editorial is evidence that hosts of self-proclaimed patriots here, not satisfied with present opportunity to be lick-spittles, will illegally support the yes-man system, Fascism—perhaps to be established here, as in Greece, as martial law during some emergency.

Vigilantism

Your editorial calling on all "red-blooded Americans" to "rise in their might and crush this insidious evil" is a direct incitement to mob-violence and vigilantism. We demand that you immediately repudiate this statement.

We ask you in justice to the labor movement, that we feel you mis-represent, to publish a retraction of this poisonous "editorial" and to publish the apology that you owe the labor movement for allowing a labor paper to carry such filthy-anti-working-class propaganda.

We ask further that you expose the author of this slanderous "editorial" which you printed unsigned, and explain how such a foul and libelous article could appear in the official organ of the Long Beach Central Labor Council.

We ask also that you explain who pays for this full-page advertising of Fascism and specifically, answer whether James Coulter was correct in telling the members of the Oil Workers Union that the Standard Oil Company might be responsible?

As former Mayor of Long Beach and as a member of the City Council today we feel that you owe a public statement to the people of this city as to your own views on the question of Fascism, so we ask that you make your reply to this protest, public, not only to the labor movement but to the entire population of the city.

LABOR AND POLITICS

By John Broman

IT ISN'T TRUE we hope—the item printed in "The Bulletin," a neighborhood newspaper published in the Southeast District of Los Angeles, on August 11th: "The item stated that Hearst's hiring from the 13th Congressional District, Charles Kramer, is being 'endorsed on his labor record by national and state labor organizations.'"

Unions listed were The International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers of America, Order of Railway Conductors, the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, California Legislative Board, the Grand Lodge of Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks.

Serious If True . . .

Workers in these organizations should understand that Kramer has no "labor record"—only a very vicious anti-labor record.

If the above story isn't true, which we sincerely hope, let's hear from some members of these unions, to set us straight. If it is true, we cannot urge these unions strongly enough to reconsider this serious mistake.

Kramer is co-author of the Russell-Kramer Seditious Bill introduced in the last Congress, which, if adopted, would put into effect an anti-labor statute on a national scale similar to the infamous Criminal Syndicalism Act of California. This bill would be a sledge-hammer in the hands of the worst open-shoppers in the United States, with which to smash the organized labor movement.

In all his legislative and other activities, Kramer has played the game of William Randolph Hearst and the Liberty Leaguers who are driving toward a Fascist dictatorship in this country.

Kramer must be defeated in his attempt to get re-elected, and his Fascist bill must be smashed once and for all by the united efforts of all trade unions and all other pro-labor and progressive organizations.

F.D.R. No Barrier . . .

Proof that President Roosevelt can not be depended upon by labor to act as a bulwark against the Fascist tendencies of the Hearst-Liberty League ticket of Landon and Knox, can be found in the ranks of the Democratic Party supporters.

For example, the Department of Justice has finally by mass pressure been prodded into some kind of investigation of penance existing in the state of Arkansas. And, as everyone knows, Arkansas is strictly a Democratic Party state. Its governor, Futrell, is Roosevelt's personal friend; its senator is Joe Robinson, the President's "whip" in the Senate.

Penance among the sharecroppers, who are forced to work out their debt to the big landowners in violation of federal law, is carried on by Democrats from F.D.R. relies upon for support in his re-election campaign.

Error in Textile . . .

Democrats also ride in the Ku Klux Klan saddle in the deep South, terrorizing the workers when they attempt to strike, failing out the National Guard against strikers in the textile mills, permitting thugs to murder militant trade unionists and get away with it.

From Vice-President Garner down to postmasters appointed by Jim Farley, the Democratic machine in the South is the instrument of the blackest reaction against workers, poor farmers, and oppressed Negro people. To satisfy these elements, Roosevelt refused to allow the Wagner-Costigan anti-lynching bill even to come up for discussion in Congress.

Cotton Ed Smith, Byrd, Glass and many other politicians of the South certainly have nothing in common with those uncritical supporters of Roosevelt among the ranks of organized labor.

Machines of Reaction . . .

Roosevelt has also made deals in his campaign with such Sunday School lads as Pick-Ax Kelly, who runs the Democratic machine in Chicago, the Pendergast gang of Missouri, the Huey Long machine in Louisiana, and Hague and his machine in New Jersey, to say nothing of the good old "pal" of labor—Tammany Hall and its cut-throats.

These guys are pretty rough playmates, with no qualms whatsoever about knifing in the back anything that would be for the betterment of the common people.

Liberty Leaguers Worse . . .

The only good thing you can say about these elements in the Democratic Party is that alongside the gangsters of Hearst and the Liberty League in the so-

FACTORY AND WPA WORKERS TO AID AYRES

Biography of C. P. Candidate in 46th Dist.

LOS ANGELES.—In a district where factory and construction workers predominate, with many unemployed and WPA workers as well, James A. Ayres, Communist candidate in the 46th Assembly District, is expected to attract wide support in his campaign. He has led many struggles in his district.

Ayres was born in Deadwood, South Dakota, of Pennsylvania Dutch ancestry, on March 29th, 1896, and was educated at the University of Nebraska, where he majored in sociology.

Was In Brotherhood
He stands staunchly for the rights of organized labor, having been a member in the past of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks.

In 1924, he ran for United States Senator on the Workers' (Communist) Party ticket



JAMES A. AYRES
Communist for State Assembly in 46th District.

In Denver, Colorado, Ayres was married in 1915, and has six children—Carl, 20; Orlando, 16; Catherine, 15; Mars, 13; Anabel, 11; and Dan, 3.

Legislative Demands

In his campaign, Ayres will demand emergency hospitals and better free medical facilities for the workers; enforcement of the right of free speech, opening private beaches to the public; right of workers to use schools and public buildings for meetings; unionizing of all industries to win better conditions, lower utilities rates particularly bus and carfare, better housing with cheaper rent and against discrimination on account of race, age, sex, social or economic views.

His district includes the Central Valley area.

GEOFFRIN FACES DEPORTATION AUGUST 24

SAN FRANCISCO.—Urgent call for \$200 court expenses to prevent deportation of George Geffrin to France on grounds of "subversive activities," was sent out this week by the International Labor Defense.

Geffrin, who was released on \$2500 bail last Saturday after spending two months on Angel Island at the U.S. Immigration Department station, has been scheduled for deportation on August 24th.

He was arrested for deportation following his leadership in successfully organizing workers in vigilante-ridden Contra Costa County.

SAYS MISQUOTED

NEW YORK—Jose Iturbi, famous Spanish pianist and conductor, recently declared to an American League Against War and Fascism representative that the press had misquoted him as saying: "I am not favoring Fascism for the rest of the world, but for Spain it is the only thing."

called Grand Old Party, they look like pikers.

Therefore, the conclusion is that Landon and Knox must be defeated at all costs as the worst menace to the democratic rights of the people in the United States—but don't depend on Roosevelt and the Democratic Party to do the work of curbing these pro-Fascist forces.

With the independent and mighty power of labor and a powerful people's front in the form of a Farmer-Labor Party, we'll have to do that job ourselves. The way to vote for the building of a Farmer-Labor Party is to cast your ballot for the party that fights for such a people's front—vote Commu-

Communist Candidate, in Labor Movement for 40 Years, Gives Autobiography

By Joe Studevant

(Communist candidate for Assembly in 13th Dist., Oakland.)

I come from working class parents; my people as far back as I know were workers and farmers. My father was a machinist at the National Cash Register Company plant at Dayton, Ohio. He was a good mechanic and was offered a foremanship in the factory, but refused it as he disliked slave-driving.

My grandfather was in the Civil War and was killed the third day after he joined the army. My mother's father also was in the Civil War and died in the Dayton, Ohio, Soldier's Home.

Forced To Leave School

I was born in 1880 in Springfield, Ohio. I went to school up to my 15th year, when I was forced to go to work to support a large family. So I went to high school at night.

My first job was in the Dayton works of the National Cash Register Company. Trying to better myself, I took up the trade of machinist. A bad cold settling in my eyes at that time, sufficiently injured my eyes so that I had to stop. I had no funds and so could not afford competent attention.

Being unable to work as a machinist, I learned the painter's trade. I worked at this in the auto industry, and in the building trades, where in time I was doing all kinds of interior decorating.

Joined Socialist Party

I joined the Socialist Party in Watertown, New York, in 1912, but due to its lack of a real struggle against war, I became disappointed with it and left the Socialist Party in 1919.

Meantime, varnish had gotten into my system and it became necessary for me to change my occupation. I went to Canada and harvested grain in Saskatchewan.

In the course of time, I regained my health, sold the little home I had built there, and came west to Orange to take up my trade again. Finding that painting work slacked off in the fall and winter there on account of the rain, I came to San Francisco.

For some four and one-half years I worked for the Matson Navigation Company, being put in charge of painting for their entire building, which is known to most people who know San Francisco. I lived in Oakland while working in San Francisco.

Joins Communist Party

I had joined the Communist Party in 1924. As a Party member, I had done all I could to help organize my fellow-workers.

Terror on the part of the police was the answer of the owning class. I was arrested 11 times in one year, culminating with the arrest of eight unemployed workers, including myself. The police came to my house without a warrant. They kicked the hinges off the door and burst in with sawed-off shot-guns. No charges were preferred.

In 1930 I helped to organize the Trade Union Unity League

in Los Angeles. Likewise in Oakland I helped to spread the support for industrial unionism. It is a source of great joy to me that today the Committee for Industrial Organization nationally is undertaking to build industrial unions, carrying through this great work through the help of a great section of the American Federation of Labor.

Trade Unionist

In New York, Oregon and California (San Francisco Painters' Local No. 19), I have been a member of the American Federation of Labor. A chief activity in recent years has been the organization of the unemployed in the Public Works and Unemployment Union.

In fact, as far back as 1929, I took a leading part in the formation of the Unemployed Councils in the Eastbay. In 1933 I ran for Councilman-at-Large in Oakland.

My home, which I paid for before the crash out of savings made under hard conditions, is at 2256 83rd Avenue, Oakland, between Dowling and Branch Streets. It is the same home that the police broke into at the bidding of the owning class.

I am now running for State Assemblyman from the 12th Assembly District, and I invite all of my fellow-workers who live in that District to come to my house and tell me just what you want me to do in the State Assembly. Come any time with your answer to this question: What should an assemblyman do to help the working class most?

Fresno Supervisors Hold Hearing On Free Speech

FRESNO.—Hearing to determine whether the Communist Party shall have the right to hold meetings in public buildings and parks here, will be held by the Board of Supervisors on Friday, August 21st. Workers are urged to rush process demanding that a restrictive ordinance against free speech, passed just after the 1934 General Strike of San Francisco, be abrogated by the supervisors. Lawrence Ross, Western Worker editor, will represent the Communist Party.

FOR C.P. CANDIDATE

SAN FRANCISCO.—A barn dance will be held at Franklin Hall, 1859 Fillmore Street, on Saturday, August 29th, to honor the popular young trade unionist and Y.C.L. member, Archie Brown, who is running on the Communist Party ticket in the 22nd Assembly District.

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WPA OFFICIAL CALLS POLICE IN LONG BEACH

Ex-Labor Official Is Phoney Toward Workers

By a Worker Correspondent.

LONG BEACH.—For seven hours a committee of 12 women from Local 1, Workers Alliance, occupied the W.P.A. office here and so completely exposed the baby-starvers in charge that in desperation, R. J. (Call me Bob) Robinson, assistant labor coordinator, called two radio patrol cars to eject or arrest the women, on Monday, August 17th.

Robinson is former business agent of the local Carpenters Union and official of the State Building Trades Council.

150 Women Fined

Refused a hearing by the Los Angeles W.P.A. office and referred to Robinson's office, the aroused women demanded a review of the cases of 150 dismissed women.

Labor Coordinator Bill and Robinson refused to see the women as a committee. They admitted federal regulations called for union recognition but claimed they had a later Bulletin from Connolly rescinding this ruling. They declined to produce the bulletin.

Robinson pledged himself to stay "till midnight" if the individual interviews made it necessary and the women went in one at a time with one union representative present.

They were told the dismissals had been ordered late in June (before the new set-up was put in motion by Hopkins) although Bill admitted last year's appropriation had not been exhausted and new funds were already available.

He stated there were "too many women on W.P.A." and that the quota deficiency would be made up "on construction projects by employment of men," but was unable to "explain" how moneys could be transferred from one type of project to another.

County W.P.A. administrator Connolly had stated the dismissed women were slackers who would not work, but Bill characterized this statement as "ill-advised and regrettable" and said those fired were class A women "most likely to get work in private employment."

On those dismissed as "experienced domestics," Bill said a year's service in a family was required—but admitted under questioning that "a month was enough" to cause the women to be laid off as seamstresses. All over 65 were dismissed as well as those "willing but unable" such as stenographers, book-keepers, etc.

Efficiency was determined by "production records." Although thousands of hours time were lost due to inefficiency of W.P.A. the women forced to "appear busy" sewing buttonholes in scraps of cloth, were reported as "wasting time" and fired.

Bill said he would "take testimony" from the foreladies and supervisors but if they reversed themselves on their previous reports, he would not consider them "dependable" and would not credit the new testimony. In any case the accused women would not be present.

Lauretta Adams, committee spokeswoman, told the stooges:

"There you sit, behind those desks, as smug as two fat, well-fed rats. A fine labor union men you are—doing the dirty work of the Chamber of Commerce gang."

Robinson raged: "Many times I wished you were a man so I could take you out—you're hiding behind a skirt."

He couldn't take it and attempted to get the watchman to call the cops, but Robinson himself refused, so Robinson himself phoned. Radio Squad Cars 1 and 4 arrived in charge of Officers Oberg and Moore (badge numbers 89 and 105) accompanied by Officers Tubbs and Hastings.

Fight To Go On

Shouting "clean 'em out," Robinson left. Officer Moore's contribution was: "I know all about that lady, but that's how the law is writ."

The committee recessed, determined to carry on the fight to reinstate the dismissed women, despite the way the law "is writ."

Judge Crum Commits Fraud in His Campaign for Re-election, Charges Leo Gallagher

LOS ANGELES.—Judge Arthur Crum is committing fraud in seeking re-election to Office No. 15 of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County under the pretense that he is "human and just," charges Leo Gallagher, the famed labor attorney who is running for this office with the endorsement of the Communist Party and many other labor and progressive organizations.

Gallagher included the charge in a letter to Crum who is endorsed by the L.A. Times.

Gallagher predicted that the people would one day hold Judge Crum to strict accountability for the injustice and inhumanity displayed by him in trial of cases.

Judge Crum has consistently refused to debate Gallagher on his qualifications for judge, and has been quoted as saying that he would under no circumstances appear on the same platform or at the same meeting with Gallagher.

Billboard Lies

In his letter to Crum, Gallagher said he noted that his billboard advertising claimed as his qualifications for being returned to office that he, Crum, was human and just.

"You will observe from my campaign folder that I charge that you are neither," wrote the famed labor attorney. "We cannot both be right."

In a recent interview over Station KRKD, Gallagher stated that the American Liberty League is the real economic power behind the Fascist movement in this country and charged that the Hearst newspapers were the propaganda organ of Fascism.

Fascism Real Threat

"Fascism is not a remote threat but a real danger which must be met now by united resistance," Gallagher said.

"We have the definite minor fascist groups such as the Crusaders, the Silver Shirts, the Young Defenders and similar organizations. Then there are terroristic groups such as the Black Legion, and here in California the vigilantes.

"No one can seriously dispute the fact that there are large sections of California where constitutional guarantees are openly set aside—the Imperial Valley, to give one example."

Gallagher charged that there were literally thousands of acts of vigilantism in this state in the last two years without a single prosecution.

For Free Speech

Gallagher said he based his candidacy on his defense of constitutional rights of free speech and organization and said that if elected judge, he guaranteed due process of law and equal protection of the law to all persons.

Browder To Speak On Radio Again August 28th

Earl Browder, Communist candidate for President of the United States, will make his first nation-wide broadcast since his acceptance speech at the 9th National Convention of the Communist Party, on Friday night, August 28th, on a National Broadcasting Company hook-up from New York City.

Browder just completed a speaking tour of the Pacific Coast states on behalf of his candidacy and the 1936 Platform of the Party.

The broadcast will be released from 6:15 to 6:30, Pacific Coast Time, over Station KFI in Los Angeles and over Station KPO in San Francisco.

It will initiate a series of 12 or more national coast-to-coast broadcasts in the election campaign of the Communist Party, in addition to scores of other broadcasts in the various states throughout the country.

At least two state-wide broadcasts are planned by the California Election Campaign Committee between now and the November final elections, in addition to Communist candidates going on the air in the various cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Fresno, Sacramento, Oakland, and Berkeley.

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WEBB DELAYS PROSECUTIONS OF VIGILANTES

Sonoma Grand Jury Lets Terrorists Go Scot Free

SAN FRANCISCO.—A year ago vigilantes terrorizing workers and small farmers in Sonoma county, tarred-and-feathered two men in the streets of Santa Rosa.

Several weeks ago Attorney General U. S. Webb announced that, after a wave of protest demanding action against the vigilantes over a year's time, he would take steps against the known leaders of the terrorists in Sonoma county.

Last week the Sonoma County Grand Jury refused to return indictments against the vigilantes, even though these terrorists are known throughout the country and their crimes can be absolutely pinned to them.

Attorney General Webb then admitted that he "has not decided" whether he will prosecute the leaders of the tar-and-feather outrage, although he has the power to prosecute the terrorists in Santa Rosa Superior Court.

Webb said the former "G-Man" who had been investigating has been called off the case, but that he would be put back on the inquiry if he, Webb, decides to prosecute.

Trade unions, progressive groups, and people's organizations generally are urged to send protests to Webb in San Francisco, demanding that he prosecute the vigilantes immediately and that steps be taken to crush once and for all, the vigilantes who ride terror through the agricultural regions of California.

PROTESTS SUSPENSION

WHEELING.—Pres. Easton of the West Virginia State Labor Federation wired William Green protesting the suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions.

Expose Lies of "Times Man" Judge Crum



LEO GALLAGHER
Labor's candidate against Judge Crum in Los Angeles.

Soviet Aces Land Safely In Siberia

NOME, Alaska.—The Soviet aces of the air, Sigmund Levanevsky and Victor Levenchenko, landed safely at East Cape, Siberia, last Saturday morning, a radio message received here stated.

The fliers, in a low-wing monoplane, had hopped from the American continent at Teller, Alaska, on another lap of their San Pedro, Cal., to Moscow flight.

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Who Are The Inheritors Of 1776 Tradition—And Who Are The Tories

THE San Francisco News, supporter of Roosevelt for re-election, shows its resentment of Earl Browder's declaration that Roosevelt cannot be depended upon to protect and champion the people's rights against the attacks of reaction.

"When Presidential candidate Earl Browder tells us that Communists use the word 'revolutionary' in the same sense that George Washington and Thomas Jefferson used it," says the News editorially, "he is, of course, talking nonsense and doing very little for the cause of truth and enlightenment."

The News declares the only reasons Washington led the revolutionists of 1776 against the tyrannies of King George III was because he "resented the slights of Englishmen who treated the colonial gentry as inferiors," and that the colonial property owners objected to paying taxes to England for the defense of the colonies.

The News points out that Washington was a wealthy property owner. How therefore, could he have been a revolutionist in the Communist sense?

This, nevertheless, is true. Even large property owners, under those conditions, played a progressive and even a revolutionary role in history. The Communist Party has not, as the News editorial writer declares, made a "sudden discovery" that the revolution of 1776 was something more than "a meaningless struggle between two sets of bourgeois property owners."

Washington, Jefferson, Paine and the other revolutionary leaders of 1776 fought for the freedom of a colonial people from oppression by a rapidly developing capitalist power. They led a bourgeois-democratic revolution against the "mother country" and its Tory supporters in the colonies. In their fight for freedom from the economic stranglehold of British capitalism, for liberty and democratic rights, they were progressive and revolutionary.

But the same class of wealthy property owners who in 1776 were progressive, have in 1936, under conditions of declining capitalism, become reactionary, the chief proponents of Fascism in the United States! They occupy the same position, in the relation of class forces today, that was occupied by the Tories in 1776!

Marx, founder of scientific socialism, declared that the American revolution of 1776 was a tremendous factor in spurring the struggles of oppressed peoples throughout the world.

The Communist Party declares that there is no contradiction between the struggle today for democratic rights and liberties against the Fascist attacks by the reactionaries, and the revolutionary struggle for socialism. One is part and parcel of the other. As Comrade Browder stated in his report to the ninth Party convention:

"At the same time we emphasize, and will always emphasize, that a consistent struggle for democracy and progress leads inevitably, and in the not distant future, to the socialist revolution."

Were Washington, Jefferson, Paine or Lincoln alive today, they would be outspoken supporters of the emancipation program of the Communist Party, of its struggle to build a united front of all progressive forces against the threat of fascism, against the Hearsts, Morgans, DuPonts and Landons—the Tories of 1936!

Force Webb to Act Against Sonoma Vigilantes!

ALTHOUGH conclusive evidence pointing to the guilt of specific persons was laid before the Sonoma County grand jury, that "law-abiding" body refused to return indictments against Santa Rosa vigilantes.

Not only did the grand jury cover up and whitewash its local tar-and-feather hoodlums, but Assistant District Attorney McGuffigan, supposed to represent the state and push the prosecution of the vigilantes, actually attempted to weaken the state's case!

This latest refusal to act in the face of incontrovertible facts carries to its logical conclusion the policy not alone of Sonoma

County and Santa Rosa officials, but that of the State Attorney General as well.

Webb's refusal to act immediately after the outrage occurred, the waiting of an entire year before any formal gesture was officially made toward uncovering the perpetrators of the vigilante attack,—this in effect condoned the act officially, and gave the county grand jury its cue.

We declare that Webb is equally guilty with the County grand jury in its brazen flouting of the law of the land, in its refusal to indict these vigilantes!

It seems that the state and county officials are doing their damndest to earn the reputation California "enjoys" throughout the rest of the country, where "California" and "vigilantism" have become almost synonymous!

Webb can still be forced to act. All workers and friends of labor, all lovers of liberty, all unions and other progressive groups should immediately telephone, write and wire protests against the whitewashing of vigilantism in Santa Rosa, and demand Webb act at once to punish the vigilantes!

Open Shop Drive In South Must Be Defeated!

THE Chamber of Commerce of Long Beach has declared open warfare against the organized labor movement. At a special meeting attended by many industrialists, a resolution was passed calling for the maintenance of the open-shop principle in that city.

This body has followed the lead of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the L.A. Times in its frontal attack against the labor movement. In fact, it was openly announced that the L.A. Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association had promised help in this union-smashing drive.

The Long Beach open-shoppers are following the usual line of the reactionaries in that they ascribe the organizational activity of the workers, not to dissatisfaction with low pay and bad working conditions, but to "agitation by reds and aliens."

But the trade unionists in the city and around the port of Los Angeles will not allow their organizational work to be slowed down by this challenge. They will pick up the gauntlet and throw back into the face of the Chamber of Commerce by spurring their drive, and once and for all turn that whole area into a stronghold of organized labor!

Organize to Regain Food Relief Jobs!

THE dropping of 2,000 men from WPA jobs—and the impending loss of their jobs by 7,000 more on the flood control project in Los Angeles, is additional proof of the correctness of the Communist declaration that reliance cannot be placed on Roosevelt to serve the interests of the people.

The demand for curtailment of work relief is loudly made by the most reactionary interests in the country—who cry about the need for balancing the budget—at the expense of the workers and the unemployed.

The reason given for the refusal by Washington to provide additional funds to carry the work forward is that "the per man per year cost" is too high.

Yet the hundreds of millions of dollars being appropriated during this fiscal year by Congress for war preparations is not too high!

The flood relief program is a useful project, and should be carried on. The administration knows how to find money when it wants to. A strong protest against the closing of the project should be organized by the Workers' Alliance in conjunction with other groups. These jobs can be won back for the workers.

Communist Party Smashes Chains of Illegality In the Deep South

Even in vigilante-ridden Florida, infested with Ku Klux Klanners, the Communist Party is smashing the chains of illegality! It is coming forth as the leading political party of the oppressed workers and poor farmers of the Alligator State.

For the first time in many years, Tampa workers gathered at a mass meeting called by the Communist Party to hear three delegates report on the historic 9th convention of the Party.



EARL BROWDER AND TOM MOONEY. Browder met Tom for the first time and it was during Browder's visit to San Francisco last week. Here is Browder with Tom, in San Francisco County Jail. Tom asked eagerly about the drive to organize steel, and thanked Browder for the Communist Party's aid in the fight for the freedom of Mooney and Billings.

At left, Browder with Billings.

Democracy or Fascism 1936 Central Issues

Speech By Browder At Dreamland Auditorium, San Francisco,
Wednesday, August 12th, 1936

Friends: The American people today face the greatest crisis our country has seen since the Civil War. The most powerful capitalists in the land collectively known as Wall Street, have organized themselves behind the candidate of Hearst and the Liberty League, London, to wage war against the people.

Their aim is to seize control of all governmental machinery, moving toward a full-fledged fascist regime which would saddle the entire burden of the crisis upon the people, and on a world scale would put the United States on the side of Hitler, Mussolini, the Japanese imperialists, and the war makers everywhere.

It is this menace of extreme reaction which shapes the platform for the Communist Party in the 1936 elections. That is why our Party's platform says that the peace, freedom and security of the people are at stake. That is why we declare that democracy or fascism, progress or reaction, is the central issue in the elections this year.

Everything that is happening in the world, at home and abroad, serves to emphasize the correctness of this Communist approach to the election issues.

Inevitably the election will play a big role in determining whether in the next period our country shall suffer under the full sway of greedy and ferocious monopolists, who will drive down living standards and systematically deprive us of our democratic rights, dragging us toward world war, or whether we shall begin to move in the contrary direction, toward building the political power of the broad masses of the people, improve our living standards and extend our democratic rights, while cooperating with the peace forces of the world to prevent a new slaughter worse than that of 1914-1918.

Which of these two roads shall we take? This is the issue today. Not everyone will agree with such a statement of the issue. Especially the most reactionary forces themselves try by all means to obscure and confuse the question.

The Landon-Hearst-Liberty League camp takes to itself the slogan of "liberty"—but it means unhampered liberty for the capitalists to make profits at the expense of the people.

It cries against "dictatorship"—but by this it means everything which checks even the most outrageous abuses of predatory capital. It declaims against "Communism"—by which it means even the compromising liberalism which would relieve mass starvation in order to preserve the capitalist system.

The reactionaries even try to exploit the real grievances of the people against the compromising liberalism in Washington in order to drag the people into support of a thousandfold worse reaction.

There is no truth and no clarity to be found from the reactionary camp—it lives and grows by sowing lies and confusion among the masses.

Can anyone deny that Wall Street, monopoly capital, is the chief center of all reactionary forces in America? Can anyone deny that it is the chief enemy of the peace, freedom and prosperity of the American people?

Can anyone deny that Wall Street supports, with unprecendented unanimity and energy, the Republican candidates, Landon and Knox?

It is these undeniable facts that must be repeated again and again, that must be shouted from the housetops of America,

to smash through the lies and fakeries of the reactionary politicians, by which they hope to enslave the American people.

The program of Landon, Hearst and the Liberty Leaguers is directed toward cutting wages, raising prices, smashing the trade unions, squeezing the impoverished and tenant farmers out of agriculture, cutting relief, wiping out all social and labor legislation, thus balancing the budget at the expense of the poor, raising their taxes and cutting down the taxes of the rich.

The reactionaries know that such a program cannot be quickly put through an elected Congress, even a reactionary one, without serious obstacles.

That is why they work to weaken and remove popular influence over the government, that is why they idealize the dictatorial and usurped power to cancel social and labor legislation now exercised by an irresponsible judiciary—the Supreme Court.

That is why we see these forces moving toward ever greater restrictions of democratic rights, going so far as to propose canceling the franchise of the millions thrown on relief.

That is why they are building up the Black Legion, the vigilantes and similar terroristic bodies. All this program of darkest "Americanism" and "constitutionalism" behind which lurks a growing American fascism.

There are still people who would "laugh it off," who say "it can't happen here," who rely upon traditional habits and institutions as sufficient guarantee of our rights and liberties.

Such light-hearted indifference to the growing threat of reaction is a great danger. So arrogant the Germans until it was too late, until Hitler's bloody axe swung upon the necks of every opponent and every critic.

Reaction in America is strong, ferocious and unscrupulous. It controls all the chief avenues of expression and communication. It is spending millions upon millions to gain undisputed control of government, to elect Landon.

There is no trick too low, no threat too vile to confuse and demoralize the people and draw them into reactionary channels.

Against this enemy, headed by that arch-reactionary exponent of every attack on American liberties, William Randolph Hearst, the people need all their strength, wisdom and organization.

Above all, the common people need unity, unity of purpose and action, if they are to preserve their liberties, and defeat the man of Hearst and Wall Street, Landon.

Everyone in America should be interested in the unprecedented but not entirely surprising development in Colorado.

A few hours after Mr. John M. Hamilton, generalissimo of Wall Street forces, visited the Colorado Republican convention, that body endorsed the Townsend plan.

This is an even more rapid tracing of Hitler's path than had been expected. Wall Street's Landon will promise all things to all men just as Hitler did anything to get power.

What would follow if this fascist should succeed is another matter, for which we must also look to Germany for the answer.

We Communists declare that fascism is not inevitable, that reaction can be defeated and democratic rights can be preserved. But to achieve this aim, which is the aim of the overwhelming majority of the people, it is nec-

essary that labor, the farmers, the impoverished middle classes, all progressives, shall come together and create an enduring alliance.

It is necessary to have what the people of France and Spain found necessary to defeat fascism—a People's Front.

We see such a People's Front arising, taking shape, growing stronger, in the United States, where we call it the Farmer-Labor Party.

It is the chief aim of the Communist Party in this campaign to hasten the building of the Farmer-Labor Party into a major factor in American politics. We want to speed up the process of the people breaking away from the old capitalist parties.

Where can we find the forces to build the People's Front in America, strong enough to defeat Wall Street and its Landons, Hearsts, Liberty Leaguers and Black Legions?

The most important of these forces are to be found in the trade unions, the farm organizations, the organized unemployed groupings in the old parties, and in those organizations influenced by the Socialist and Communist Parties.

All these groups comprise a variety of opinions as to when, now and to what degree we shall replace the present social order with a better one.

But all of them agree upon certain fundamental aims and demands which, when taken together and clearly stated constitute a program upon which these otherwise diverse groupings can even now be united.

They all agree that the living standards of the population must be raised, that old age and unemployment insurance adequate to maintain decent living must be provided, that a powerful trade union movement must be built to include quickly the whole working class, that the farmers must be saved from ruin and enabled to produce what the country needs with an adequate return, that social and labor legislation must not be diminished but rather extended much further, that the budget must be balanced at the expense of the rich, that the necessary finances must be taken out of the profits of the exploiters, out of the accumulated riches of Wall Street.

All these groups further agree that it is necessary to curb the usurped powers of the Supreme Court, assert popular control over the government, defend and extend democratic rights, and maintain peace in the world.

The only way in which reaction can be decisively defeated is through building a broad People's Front, a Farmer-Labor Party, upon such a program. That is the aim of the Communist Party in the present election campaign.

That is why we say the issue today is democracy or fascism—the people's front against Wall Street—an issue for which the people are prepared, which they can understand, around which they can be organized to fight and defeat reaction.

That is why we say that the issue today is not between socialism and capitalism, as some people tell you; a choice which the progressive forces are on the whole not ready to make.

The reactionary camp, in order to confuse the people, does everything to avoid facing squarely this issue of democracy or fascism.

The fascist-minded men of the Liberty League and Republican Party try to carry the nation on the road to fascism by declaring

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AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U.S.A.

A Tribute To Lincoln Steffens

WHEN the great audience of nearly 9,000 people at the Dreamland Auditorium for Earl Browder arose last Wednesday night to pay silent tribute to the memory of the beloved Lincoln Steffens, who died only a few days before, they were honoring the life work of a man who was more than what the newspapers pictured him.

The capitalist press spoke of him as a "liberal" and a "muck-raker." They even slandered him by giving the impression that he was friendly to Mussolini and his fascist regime.

Was a Revolutionary

Lincoln Steffens was more than a liberal; he was revolutionary, and to his last days he never hesitated to align himself with the revolutionary struggles of oppressed peoples, and with the struggle for the unity of all labor and progressive forces against reaction in our own country and throughout the world.

Bedridden though he was in recent months, he always showed the keenest interest in the world wide struggle of the forces of progress against the forces of fascism, and there was no question in the minds of anyone who knew him where he stood.

Knew Class Basis

In his effective exposure of the corruption in American political life, he proved that "the pen is mightier than the sword"

—but Steffens knew that the "muck" of political corruption he had to wade through to expose was an outgrowth of the capitalist system, and that only basic social changes could finally end the conditions in which corruption breeds.

It is therefore a complete underestimation, deliberate or otherwise, of Steffens' role and influence in the events since the turn of the century, to look upon him merely as a liberal. If there was anything he scorned, it was the indecisive, weak-kneed, vacillating and compromising position that characterized the type of liberal who either sat on the fence or "impartially" gave a tolerant ear to the views of the enemy.

When Earl Browder arrived in California, one of the first things he said was: "My visit to California will not be complete unless I visit Lincoln Steffens and Tom Mooney." The next morning the newspapers carried the tragic news that Lincoln Steffens was dead. In him, the working class and the revolutionary movement has lost a true friend and comrade.

Communist Party Position on F.D. Roosevelt

By Lawrence Ross

THE ninth convention of our Party frankly faced and clearly answered the question why we do not support Roosevelt,—since we declare that the Landon-Knox ticket is the main enemy of the American people in the 1936 elections, that "its victory would carry our country a long way on the road to fascism and war." Why, in fact, such support would be a fatal mistake.

The report made by Comrade Browder clearly pointed out that while Roosevelt and his administration are trying to steer a middle course—to retain mass support by small concessions to the people, and at the same time satisfy the demands of the reactionary interests—the story of Roosevelt's term in office is one of "retreats before the offensive of reaction."

While we emphasize our stand that it would be a fatal mistake to support Roosevelt, since such support would be given to a candidate and party of capitalism,—we do, however, distinguish between the Republican and Democratic platforms and policies. There are progressive features in the Democratic platform which are altogether absent in the Republican platform. The platform adopted at the recent Democratic convention represents even further concessions to the people—concessions forced by pressure from the progressive elements in the trade union movement—especially by the intervention of John L. Lewis.

"Joker in Platform"

The progressive tone of the Democratic platform, however, is no guarantee that the promises made therein to the people will result in performance. Besides Roosevelt's record of capitulation to the Right,—which alone is sufficient warning against placing reliance on him—we cannot forget the joker which Comrade Browder reminded us of in his speech in reply to the discussion at the ninth convention: the provision, in the Democratic platform, that in case Roosevelt finds it impossible to put his promises into effect within the framework of the Constitution (as interpreted by the reactionary Supreme Court) then he will have to wait until the Constitution is amended!

The matter of amending the Constitution, then, would be placed in the hands of a capitalist-minded Congress. The people could wait, and suffer patiently, until two-thirds of both houses of Congress—or two-thirds of the legislatures of all the states—would agree to propose such amendment; then wait some fore until three-fourths of all the state legislatures ratified the amendment!

So that it is strikingly apparent that the guarantee for the carrying through of progressive measures can be found "only in the independent organization and action of all progressive forces under the leadership of labor;

No. This would be incorrect. If Roosevelt's record, and the record of his administration, and the record, composition and base of the Democratic Party were such as to provide a guarantee against the fascist threat by Wall Street, there would be some reason for considering some form of support to him as against the main danger—the Landon-Knox ticket. But we have clearly demonstrated this does not exist.

Therefore, placing reliance on Roosevelt—and that is precisely what would be the effect of telling workers we would rather see their votes go to him than to Landon if they are not ready to vote Communist in 1936!—would be spreading the illusion among the people generally that Roosevelt is a bar against fascism. This we must be careful to guard against!

Another question often asked by Communist sympathizers is: "Isn't it a fact that the more energetically you push the Communist election campaign, the more votes you poll,—the greater would be the chance for the election of Landon,—since a large Communist vote would split the labor and progressive vote?"

Most Important Victory — This, too, is not correct. A large Communist vote is the most important victory the working class could win in the 1936 elections. Because such a vote would be the most effective pressure against the administration to force concessions for the working class, because, also, such a vote would represent a widespread, solid and determined sentiment for political unity of all

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Pacific Relations Institute Begins Yosemite Session

SOVIET UNION DELEGATES AT MEETING; SCHARRENBURG "REPRESENTS" LABOR

YOSEMITE, Calif.—With nearly 300 delegates present from 11 nations, the sixth biennial conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations opened here last Saturday night at the Ahwahnee Hotel, with Newton D. Baker, secretary of war under President Wilson, presiding.

PEOPLE'S FRONT CALL BY C. P. IN GERMANY

BERLIN.—Addressing all anti-Fascists and opponents of Hitler in and out of Germany, the Communist Party of Germany (C.P.G.) has issued a call for a United Front, a People's Front against Hitler's war policy, for the maintenance of peace, and for a democratic Germany.

In a magnificent, brilliantly written, fiery appeal, the Communist Party drew a dramatic picture of Germany under Hitler, contrasting it with a description of the French Popular Front and its achievements within the short time after its formation and parliamentary victory.

"This United Front," states the call of the Party, "fighting against Fascism and war would soon have on its side the sympathy and support of all friends of peace in the world."

Catholics and other persecuted organizations are invited to join this United Front to fight for overthrow of the Fascist dictatorship and establishment of a democratic republic in Germany.

The C.P.G. particularly underlines the necessity of working with the Social Democratic Party and invites it in the formation of a United Proletarian Front.

"The working class will then become a mighty central force," states the call.

"The new democratic Germany of the United Proletarian Front and the People's Front will, by having learned from the past mistakes, find new and better ways to Peace, Freedom, and Welfare."

"The democratic republic does not mean socialism in Germany, but through it the German people will find a way to free itself forever from Fascist barbarism and war provocations."

BERLIN.—Despairing under the black misery of the Nazi terror, 150 people committed suicide in Berlin alone during May, 1936, nearly all members of the working class and intellectuals.

Of the suicides, 105 died by gas, 27 by drowning, and 18 by other means. It was estimated that the cause for over 75 percent of these suicides was economic.

Ernest Thaelmann will be tried this fall, according to a report by the Berlin correspondent of the Paris Midi.

"The indictment is completed," writes the correspondent. "It looks as though Thaelmann will be charged with all the deaths of Fascists. He will also be charged with bringing about the crisis in Germany and a number of other troubles, alleged to be caused by Red propaganda."

Speeding of the world-wide drive to free this famed leader of the German working class, is urged with the news that the Nazi butchers are planning to carry out the long-postponed trial.

GENEVA, Switzerland.—Deportation to Germany is only to take place in cases where the refugee has refused to take the necessary steps to proceed to another country, according to the provisional agreement reached by the Intergovernmental Conference for the laying down of legal statute for German refugees.

The countries taking part in the conference are Belgium, Great Britain, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Irish Free State, Letland, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Uruguay, with observers from the United States and Finland.

Definition of a German refugee arrived at is "in connection with the application of this agreement a German refugee shall be deemed a person of German origin who was domiciled in Germany, who possesses no other nationality than that of a German and in respect of whom it can be definitely proved that he no longer enjoys the protection of the Reich's government."

Object of the institute is to "study the conditions of the Pacific peoples with a view of improvement of their mutual relations."

From U. S. S. R. The Soviet Union is represented by Dr. V. E. Motylev, director of the Soviet World Atlas and professor in the institute of National Economy of the U. S. S. R. and Vladimir Komov, of Izvestia, official Soviet government newspaper.

The United States delegation consists chiefly of college professors and big business heads, such as David F. Ladin, vice-president of General Motors Export Company, in charge of Far Eastern work; Edgar W. Smith, also vice-president of General Motors Export Company; Claudius T. Murchison, president of the Cotton Textile Institute Inc., New York City, an employers' organization; etc.

Not a Labor Man American labor is "represented" by Paul Scharrenburg, who was kicked out of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific for advocating war, "red-baiting," and calling an unauthorized tanker strike.

Other nations represented include Australia, Canada, China, France, Japan, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Philippine Islands, and Great Britain. Particularly interested from the viewpoint of maintaining their colonial oppression in the Pacific are Great Britain, Japan and the Netherlands.

E. Iadaco Yamakawa, spokesman for Japan, minimized differences between his country and the United States, saying all could be adjusted by a "proper attitude."

Soviet Youth Seek Unity at World Congress

PARIS.—Greatest unity of the youth groups around the World Congress of Youth for Peace, Freedom and Progress, was called for by Alexander Kossarev, secretary of the Young Communist League of the Soviet Union, at a meeting here of the organizing bureau for the Congress. The Congress will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, August 31st to September 6th.

"The Geneva Congress was not convened by Communists," spoke Kossarev. "It is only a short time ago that the Soviet Youth got its invitation to participate in the Geneva Congress."

Great Significance "But it is not really the question who has convened the Congress that is of vital importance; what is important is to grasp the great significance of this Congress."

"In our opinion it is the duty of the Congress to bring about fraternal cooperation between different organizations of the most varied tendencies, fraternal cooperation between all peoples to defend peace, against war."

World Unity of Youth "We, the Soviet Youth and its representatives, shall feel we have attained our goal if, at this Congress, we shall have contributed to the best of our powers towards the establishment of unity between all the forces of the youth—whatever their different political tendencies—in the fight against war, for peace, against the war danger, for the improvement of the social, political and cultural conditions of the youth of the whole world."

Kossarev stated that the Soviet youth hoped leaders of the Catholic and Socialist youth will reconsider their position in refusing to take part in the Congress.

AIRPORTS IN U.S. WASHINGTON.—The airport facilities for war use include 62 army airfields, 26 naval air stations and 432 miscellaneous government, private and state airport and landing fields. A total of 2402 airports and landing fields are in existence in the United States, of which all could be used in time of war.

MODERNIZING MOSCOW



TRIUMPHAL ARCH, erected in 1826 for Czar Alexander I, is standing on Moscow's main stem for the triumphal progress of the Soviet Union. Moscow city engineers are pushing plans for complete modernization of the Soviet capital, and this arch, standing on Moscow's main stem for the triumphal progress of the Soviet Union, has badly impeded the constantly increasing auto traffic.

MAIN BUTTRESS OF PEOPLE'S FRONT IS WORKERS' AND PEASANTS' ALLIANCES

(This article was written before the Fascist-royalist counter-revolutionary "putsch" was attempted in Spain. It shows, however, certain of the weaknesses existing, then in the People's Front—weaknesses which today are being ironed out in the fire of struggle against reaction.—Ed.)

The question of strengthening and organizing throughout the country the workers' and peasants' alliances, which are the main buttresses of the People's Front, is now the central point of discussion among the workers' organizations in Spain.

A serious change has taken place in the position of the left wing of the Socialist Party, which was against creating workers' alliances, considering them to be only organs of uprising.

Proof of this is to be found in the moods of the members of the left wing of the Socialist Party. A number of Socialist organizations endorsed the draft of the program of the party drawn by the Madrid organization, and are demanding that still greater stress be laid upon the need for reestablishing workers' and peasants' alliances.

Comrade Carrillo, secretary of the Young Socialist League, wrote an interesting article on the question of the "alliances" in the newspaper Claridad (May 13) in which he emphasized the point that for the revolution to be victorious the necessary precondition is that the need for creating organs of proletarian democracy be recognized. The Socialist Party in its present state, cannot, in the opinion of Carrillo, give leadership to such a mass organization. Only by "purging and uniting the Socialist and Communist Parties will it be possible to hammer out such an organization as will be able to guide the organs of proletarian democracy."

On May 11th of this year, at a meeting of the Socialist parliamentary deputies and the so-called Compromisarios (delegates appointed to elect the president), Largo Caballero, the leader of the left wing of the Socialist Party, spoke and expressed himself in favor of establishing alliances to include also the Anarchist National Confederation of Labor.

The reactionary section of the leaders of the Socialist Party continue as hitherto to declare themselves against workers' and peasants' alliances. El Socialista wrote on May 15th:

"To create alliances at the price of rejecting all that we must preserve at all costs, namely, the leading role and the discipline of the Socialist Party, means to call the masses to pass over to other organizations with flags flying."

The Congress of the Anarchist National Confederation of Labor, at the beginning of May in Zaragoza, took up the question of unity as one of the chief questions. The masses of Anarchist workers, who were convinced by their own experiences during the October, 1934, struggles (in Asturias, Leon, Valencia and other provinces) of the need for working class unity, insisted the Congress should categorically express itself in favor of unity and alliances.

The Gijon Anarchists sent a telegram to the Congress reading: "Fifty thousand toilers demand the creating of a revolutionary workers' alliance." Other telegrams were similar.

Under the influence of these demands, the C.N.T. Congress was forced to express its attitude towards this question. To obstruct adoption of the Gijon proposal for unity to struggle for immediate improvement of conditions for the workers and for the "victory of the social revolution introduced a resolution of lution in Spain," the C.N.T. leadership (which was adopted) which proposed that the Union General de Trabajadores con-

clude a "pack of revolutionary alliance," on the condition that the latter refuses "political and parliamentary collaboration." In other words, the C.N.T. leaders proposed to the U.G.T. that in essence they should break with the People's Front and limit alliances to the participation in them of only the C.N.T. and U.G.T., excluding the political parties.

After the Congress, Mundo Obrero, central organ of the Spanish Communist Party, began a friendly discussion in its pages with the Anarchists in regard to their decisions on unity and the "revolutionary alliance."

In May 19th, the paper wrote: "We consider that the decisions on the alliances are positive because they express the desire of the masses for unity, and are negative because they place the question of alliances very narrowly. . . . We wish to tell our comrades of the C.N.T. that that which they call a 'revolutionary alliance' is a liaison or coordinating committee, a very good thing in itself from the point of view of united action in the struggle for economic demands. . . . Workers' and peasants' alliances are organs of the united front which guarantee united action and raise it to a much higher level."

In his article "About the Workers' and Peasants' Alliances," published in Mundo Obrero of May 14th, Jose Diaz, General Secretary of the Communist Party, noted with satisfaction the statement made by Caballero about the alliances: "From February 16th till today we have only achieved the first victories; we must go further. . . . The reactionaries are attempting to create difficulties of all kinds. They provoke conflicts, close down factories, and organize sabotage. The task of the workers and peasants, and ranks of the People's Front is with the aid of the workers' and peasants' alliances to achieve the fulfillment of the demands of the workers and peasants, and at the same time to put an end to the criminal maneuvers of reaction."

The Communist Party is the consistent supporter and organizer throughout the country of workers' and peasants' alliances, which are organs of defense of the Spanish Republic against the Fascists and the counter-revolution.

LONGSHOREMEN Get 27 Cents for 12 Hours in Japan

LONG BEACH.—Twenty-seven cents for 12 hours work are the wages of a longshoreman in Japan engaged in unloading the cargoes of scrap iron shipped from here to the Orient, according to a letter received here by Harbor Commissioner C. Hofmann from Captain W. T. Evans of the steamship Antonio, which left Long Beach several weeks ago with a cargo of scrap metal.

"While the vessel was unloading at Osaka," said the letter, "the longshoremen struck for a 10-hour day. A regiment of soldiers appeared on the scene and ordered the men back to work."

It required 46 hours longer to discharge the scrap cargo—designed for war purposes—than it did to load it in Long Beach, largely due to lack of modern dock equipment.

SPAIN LETTER SAYS WORKERS ARE CONFIDENT

Socialist Leader Is Praised; Prestige of Communists

NEW YORK.—Heaping praise on Largo Caballero, leader of the Socialist Party of Spain, for maintaining the closest fraternal relations with the Communist Party, the following letter has been received here from Spain, relating some of the developments in the fight against the counter-revolutionaries.

Neither Communist Party nor Socialist Party is working at cross purposes, states the letter, and in the present fighting work like two sections of the same Party.

Part of the letter, dated July 31st, follows:

Fascists Rumor Truce

"Today for the first time we all seem to be really confident that the Fascists are licked. The talk of a truce which is in the air certainly has a Fascist origin, although we can be just as certain that certain individuals in Madrid who fear unity of the workers with the Left Republicans, want the thing over before the Fascists are crushed completely."

C.P. Leaders Respected

"The Communist Party has won tremendous prestige during the past two weeks because of its heroism in battle and because of its correct position."

It is no exaggeration to say that Jose Diaz (secretary of the Communist Party and Pasionaria (Dolores Ibaruri, leading Party member) are among the most respected figures in Spain's political life today.

"The maintenance of the democratic republic is, of course, the big objective. But the practical steps are impossible to determine in advance. . . . If Fascism is beaten back only slowly, I think a real People's Front government is inevitable before very long. . . . Even the anarchists are bending to discipline."

Nazis Imprison 3000 Trade Unionists

NEW YORK.—Prison sentences have been inflicted on almost 3000 German trade unionists in 10 mass trials scattered through Germany, reports the Chest for Relief and Liberation of Workers in Europe, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

In the Wuppertal industrial district, 628 working men and women were given prison sentences ranging up to 15 years. In Hamburg 840 trade unionists are on trial.

In Essen 300 workers and petty tradesmen have been sentenced, while at Magdeburg 150 union members and Socialists, ranging in age from 16 to 60, will soon come up for trial.

The Labor Chest comments that the trials "show definitely the growing extent of the underground movement and the increasing repressive measures which the Nazis are forced to apply against the rising tide of discontent."

RAIN MAKES IT TOUGH FOR MUSSOLINI

LONDON.—Mussolini's attempts to consolidate his "empire" in Ethiopia are meeting with increasing difficulties because of the rains and the attacks of Ethiopian warriors, stated Ajax Warqneh Martin, Ethiopian minister, on the basis of information received from Djibouti, French Somaliland.

Rains have put airplanes and mechanical columns out of action, stated the minister, and the Italians at Addis Ababa depend entirely on the French railway from Djibouti on the coast for food.

Italian garrisons in various parts of the country are being evacuated, he said, because of transport difficulties and constant guerrilla warfare.

Tampa United Front Aids Spain People

TAMPA, Fla.—A United Front Committee has been formed here in this Ku Klux Klan state, to give all possible aid to the Spanish workers in their fight against Fascism. At the most important labor rally held in this city for many years, hundreds of workers packed the Labor Temple in a magnificent demonstration of solidarity.

C.P. DONATES \$1000 TO AID SPAIN PEOPLE

"Fighting Fund" of \$100,000 Sought By ILGWU

NEW YORK.—Following donation of \$1000 by the New York State Committee of the Communist Party to the appeal for a \$100,000 fund from American labor to aid the Spanish people, I. Amter, Communist organizer, stated the Party's aims in rallying aid.

"As a sign of our solidarity," said Amter, "the New York State Committee of the Communist Party has donated \$1000. This is in keeping with the task which David Dubinsky, of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union has assumed, namely, to collect \$100,000 in the United States as a fighting fund in support of the Spanish people."

"The Communist Party is taking \$1000 out of its 'Red Fighting Fund' (for assistance to Communist Parties in Fascist or colonial countries).

Stresses Importance Stressing the importance of every Communist acting to raise funds for Spain, Amter continued:

"The victory of the People's Front struggle in Spain will mean the strengthening of the democratic forces throughout the world. The defeat of the People's Front will mean the strengthening of Fascism, and would particularly please William Randolph Hearst and the Liberty League in the United States."

Unions Start Fund

The ILGWU, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, and the Furriers Union started the fund with donations of \$5000 each for the "Defense of Spanish Democracy."

Calling for a campaign of joint solidarity action and the raising of a "Defense Fund" in support of the Spanish workers, the Communist Party of Wisconsin has sent an urgent request to the Socialist Party of Wisconsin for an immediate conference.

W. W. Will Forward

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Western Worker has received a donation for the Spanish people, from workers on the San Francisco waterfront, and one collected by members of the Workmen's Sick and Death Benefit Society, which have been forwarded. Other donations received will be likewise promptly forwarded by the Western Worker.

WORKERS STAND IN RAIN TO CHEER SPAIN

LONDON.—Workers of Great Britain feeling profound concern over the situation in Spain, have organized demonstrations and taken collections in aid of the Spanish workers.

Despite rough and rainy weather, a huge crowd stood for three hours in a great demonstration at the base of the Nelson Monument in Trafalgar Sq., applauding speakers from Scotland, Wales, Ireland, and various parts of England.

When the chairman called for a collection, the crowd passed up \$200 in paper money and \$75 in silver and copper. An open air collection of \$10 or \$15 is considered very good here.

Another huge demonstration is planned at which a Liberal, a Socialist and a Communist will urge the British government to withhold all aid from the Spanish Fascists and request Portugal to check further Fascist shipments from German and Italian sources.

Milwaukee Socialists Call Conference To Aid Spain

MILWAUKEE.—The executive council of the Socialist Party here has issued an appeal for funds and sympathy to aid the Spanish government in its fight against the Fascists.

A meeting was called for members of trade unions and other organizations to plan a demonstration in behalf of the Spanish people.

Dr. E. Baker, president of the Milwaukee State Teachers' College, also issued an appeal for funds for peace and democracy in Spain, and to send representatives to the Socialist-called conference for the demonstration.

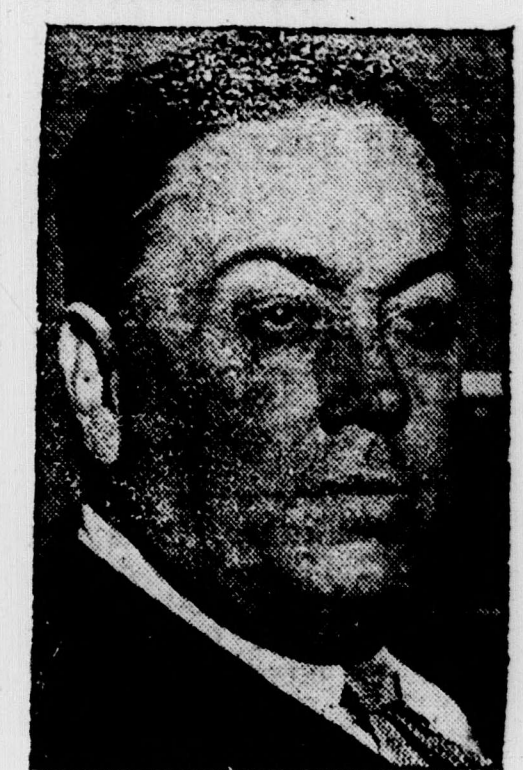
PIERRE, South Dakota.—Possibility of a nation-wide appeal for clothing for drought-stricken farmers was raised in a report by W.P.A. field representative Howard Drew here.

Spanish Fascists Are Supported By Liberty Leaguers

WALL STREET ADMITS "PUTSCH" IS COMING WITHOUT OUTSIDE AID; DANGER OF WAR

NEW YORK.—Wall Street is hoping against hope that the Fascists are victorious in Spain over the heroic People's Front and the Spanish Republic.

MURDERER



JOSE MARIA GIL ROBLES is one of those responsible for the foul murders of scores of People's Front adherents which occurred even before the Spanish Fascists started their armed "putsch" attempt a la Hitler and Mussolini.

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Proof of this is found in the confidential service to the financial and industrial barons, the Whaley-Eaton American Letter No. 938; and in the Administrative and Research Corporation's "Weekly Letter," August 8th, another Wall Street service.

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"This firm step along the road to complete unification of the forces working for progress and freedom will doubtless be received with great joy by the Cuban people, who will see in it a step on the shortest road to a better Cuba."

"The door to this people's front remains open to all Cubans interested in working for a more prosperous and a happier Cuba."

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE UNION OPENS NEGOTIATIONS TO WIN NEW AGREEMENT IN SALINAS

Growers and Shippers Try to Confuse the Issue With "Three-Ring Circus," But Workers Solid For Union Demands

By a Worker Correspondent
SALINAS.—Negotiations have opened between the Salinas local of the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union and the shippers over the new wage agreement. The old agreement expires September 1st.

The new agreement is practically the same with the exception of the closed shop, refusing to pass through any picket line, a per cent wage increase, and equal rights for men and women workers.

The growers and shippers have just put on a three-ring circus to confuse the workers with the hope that they will slip over a fast one this year. The circus put on had several outstanding clowns who did their best to create a "red scare." Honors were divided between Colonel Walter Garrison and Ed Van-der-see, on who confused the issue the most.

The other star in the circus was the Siamese Twins—the Citizens' League and the Associated Farmers, who openly stated Communists and trade unions will be handled with a "big stick."

To further scare the workers, an article appeared in the local press stating a machine had been invented to trim lettuce. Imagine that, and just at the time the workers are asking for better wages and conditions. That kind of propaganda is just the opening gun to try and keep the workers from getting their just demands.

However, most of the men and women in this union have faced the same tactics many times, and the entire rank-and-file are watching every move the bosses make. The workers are determined to get their just demands.

The living conditions of both men and especially the women are really bad, in spite of the fact they are supposed to get "fair wages." Food and clothing prices have been jacked up and rooms and houses are higher than in other towns.

The great majority of lettuce workers live in a place called Little Oklahoma, about a mile outside of Salinas. The health of the workers living there is in constant danger because of the fact no sewer system exists. Millions of flies are continually about, making it impossible to keep them away from food and out of the houses.

Think of what the women workers have to put up with—crying, ailing kids, shed toilets, millions of flies, and then several lettuce sheds have laid them off because of the 10-minute rest period provided by law. The women must demand this year that they get equal rights and the same wages as men.

The wage agreement was drawn up by representatives from each shed elected by the workers themselves. This year all the demands are expected to be won because the union is 100 per cent organized and cannot be split by "red scares." The rank-and-file intend to lead the way for the bettering of wages and conditions of every agricultural worker in the state.

COMPANY LIES ABOUT PAY RAISE

By a Worker Correspondent.

HAIKU, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.—A few weeks ago most of the papers in the territory were so proud of reporting the news that the Hawaiian Pineapple and Libby Pineapple Companies at Haiku, Maui, had raised the wages of the factory worker from 18 to 22 cents an hour.

But how much truth was there in this story? About one and a half cents' worth, when the truth is really told.

The actual raise in wages is one and one-half cents, because those who are living in company houses will have three cents deducted from each hourly wage. Is this fair to us when the company boasts hypocritically that the workers are given free houses?

Last year the Hawaiian Pineapple Company made a profit of more than two million dollars. The company proudly announced a stock dividend but nothing was said about the blood and sweat of the workers poured out in the making of these huge profits. What we need in this mill is a strong union that can fight for decent wages and a house of our own.

COLLECTS PAY IN UNION WAY

Industrial Relations
Dept. Is N.G. For
Workers

By a Worker Correspondent
STOCKTON.—We can't rely on such organizations as the Department of Industrial Relations to accomplish much for us. Here is proof, in a letter written by Warren Brown, the secretary and treasurer of our Agricultural Workers Union No. 20221.

"Department of Industrial Relations,
Bakersfield, Calif.
Gentlemen:

"Other Ways to Collect
"Pardon me for not notifying your office before leaving Bakersfield. My economical condition forced me to collect my wages as soon as possible. I am a member of the Agricultural Workers Union of Stockton, Local 20221. We have other ways to collect our wages from these blood-sucking contractors.

I got myself a committee of three workers and we went out to the camp, and when he saw the committee, he paid me in full the amount I put in the claim, \$24.35.

"I would urge you to use your office for the abolition of all field contractors and fee charging employment offices in the state of California."

Places Unsanitary
The agricultural workers are in need of sanitary housing conditions. All places on which I have been employed, I have found absolutely unsanitary conditions.

Yours respectfully,
Warren Brown.

The contractors that operate in the agricultural fields in California are the loudest rats imaginable, and when the agricultural workers are all organized, that's got to be one of our first jobs—to do away with all these contractors.

Townsend Youth Back Mooney, Billings

By a Worker Correspondent.
SAN FRANCISCO.—At our last meeting, on Thursday night, August 13th, the Townsend Club No. 20, youth branch, at 2137 Union St., adopted several progressive resolutions.

It was also decided to embody these resolutions in an article and send it to you, that it may reach the public of San Francisco.

The Townsend Youth Club goes on record as requesting a speedy termination of the case of Tom Mooney and Warren K. Billings, and that they be given a FAIR trial in the proper courts, for the purpose of CORRECTING THE EVIDENT MIS- Support C.I.O.

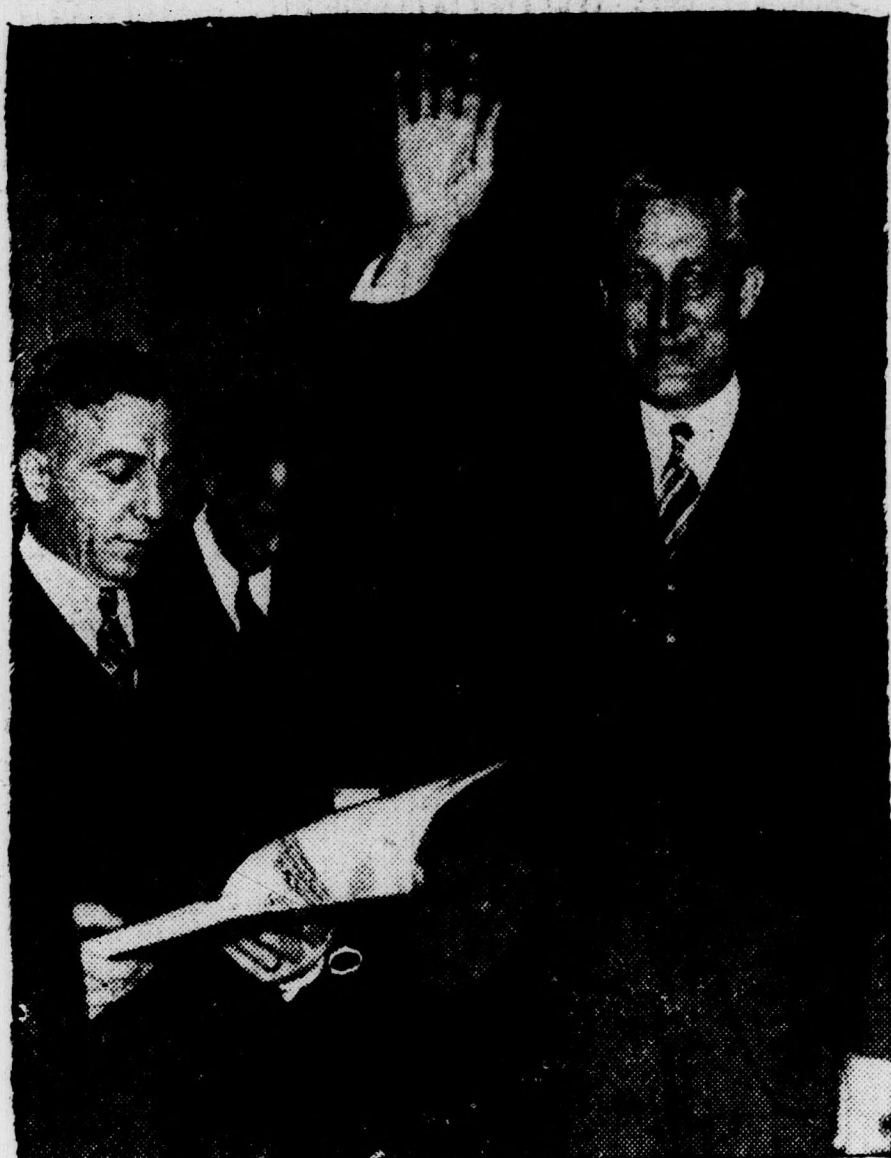
Also, the Townsend Youth Club declares itself as heartily supporting such types of unions as the welfare of labor as a whole shall dictate; such as industrial unions, as represented by the Committee for Industrial Organization.

The speaker next Thursday will be a representative of the American Youth Congress, who will deal with its purpose and aims.

Jersey Craft Unions Back C. I. O.

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Even though it is conservative in its delegates and dominated by a strong craft union representation, the Hudson County Labor Council has voted to seat all delegates from C.I.O. unions, and to refuse to recognize the legality of the A.F.L. Council suspension order.

SOCIALIST TAKES OFFICE



COMMUNIST PARTY support helped elect J. Henry Stump, Socialist mayor of Reading, Pa., from 1928 to 1932, to a second term of office, the first man in 55 years to get a double term. He was swept back into office in recent elections, along with five other Socialist candidates. He is shown above taking the oath of office.

UPHOLSTERERS TO ORGANIZE NEW SHOPS

By an Upholsterer.
LOS ANGELES.—With a pretty good record as a fighting union behind us, our Upholsterers Union Local 15 is going out in a big organizing drive in the repair shops of Los Angeles, where there are about 200 upholsterers, many of whom have lost contact with the union.

Wages as low as 50 cents an hour are being paid good mechanics in some of these shops, and the workers are now at the mercy of the boss. Some repair shops are 100 per cent unionized, but are handicapped in keeping good conditions because of competition from cheap non-union shops.

If upholstering workers are working more than eight hours a day, and are being paid less than \$1 an hour, they are being underpaid, and our union wants to organize them to win the conditions they deserve, as has been done by our union in most other shops.

Our local is having a grand picnic at Verdugo Woods Estate on Sunday, August 23rd, and all surplus funds will be used for strike relief purposes.

Communists And Roosevelt

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labor and progressive forces, and do more than any other one thing toward building a National Farmer-Labor Party.

We must realize that one of the main factors which is helping Landon's candidacy is precisely Roosevelt's weakness and indecisiveness! The lack of adequate pressure from the left, making possible Roosevelt's retreat and concessions to the right, has laid Roosevelt so wide open that the Landon-Knox combination can mask its vicious fascist character by posing as the standard-bearers of a "new," "liberal" and "reformed" Republican Party.

The most effective pressure from the left would be a Farmer-Labor Party. But in the absence of such a Party a large Communist vote is the best instrument to break away mass support from Landon! This winning away of mass support from Landon is one of our main purposes in entering this campaign.

Also—and this is important—a large Communist vote would not be necessarily obtained mostly from those who would otherwise vote for Roosevelt. Many thousands of workers and especially middle class elements, dissatisfied with the gap between Roosevelt's promises and his performance, seeing the successive surrender of Roosevelt to the reactionary camp, are swinging toward Landon or Lemke in the hope of finding something better. This is also caused to some extent by the Republican Party's well-calculated attempt to dress itself up in liberal phrases, to appear to be more progressively inclined.

To summarize, briefly:

1.—The main danger facing the American people is represented by the fascist threat of a Landon-Hearst-Liberty League victory at the polls November 3rd.

2.—Roosevelt's record definitely proves that to rely upon him and his administration as a guarantee against fascism would be a grievous mistake.

3.—The crying need of the working class today, in order to exert the most powerful pressure possible against the administration for concessions to the work-

LONGSHOREMEN DEFEAT FINK FOREMAN

By a Worker Correspondent.
HONOLULU, Hawaii.—A fink foreman almost lost his job recently trying to bulldoze a rank-and-file longshoreman.

The trouble started after the usual gangs had worked six hours overtime and refused to continue. The foreman protested, but the men knocked off anyway.

Next morning one of the longshoremen standing by the blackboard, remarked to another man near him, "No more chance today."

Fink Starts to Gab
The scab foreman overheard and said, "No, you yellow-belly, I told you last night that you could not work today."

Still raving the foreman said, "If you people ever get a charter, you Japanese will have to work on the plantations, because the union will throw you out then."

One longshoreman started over and asked the foreman what he said. The scab then claimed the man was going to hit him with a cargo hook, so without giving this brother a chance to explain, the foreman grabbed hold of him and started to throttle him.

But Gets Shut Up

Other longshoremen separated them, and then we asked that this fink be suspended because of previous offenses. Captain Powers refused but said he would promise no such thing would happen again. Stanley Williams, acting manager for C. Brewer Company, arrived then and said he would give his personal guarantee that if such a thing happened again, the foreman would be discharged then and there.

Powers said also there would be no more shouting or swearing on the job by any foreman.

Tough Boss Refuses To Pay Field Worker

By a Worker Correspondent
STOCKTON.—M. F. Flayagin, a fruit grower and shipper at Arvin, with his superintendent, J. E. Karcieich, have tried the old army game against a worker named John Porth, gyping him out of his just wages of \$51 for three weeks work, less 70 a day board.

These human lice hired this worker at the rate of 30 cents an hour, which is certainly not what you'd call good wages, and then refused to pay him, saying they didn't have any money.

Pay With "Promises"

Here's one of your blood-sucker bosses and the way he treats his men. He comes to Stockton to hire men and then pays them off by promises. No wonder the men in the agricultural fields go wild. You work for starvation wages and get beat out of them besides. Then they tell you that you are free—yes, free to starve. Sometimes I think that they really are brainless and inhuman and really want to see the workers starve to death to satisfy their greed for money. The workers need to wake up and fight these robbers.

ing class and other progressive elements, and to defeat fascism in America is for the formation of a National Farmer-Labor Party—the American People's Front.

4.—A mass Communist election campaign and a big Communist

HARD STRUGGLES FINALLY MEET WITH VICTORY FOR ALASKA CANNERY WORKERS

Embarcadero Restaurants Give Generous Response In Food; Workers Secure \$250,000 In Wage Increases

By an Alaska Canner
(This is the continued story of the organization of the Alaska Cannery Workers Union, which won agreements for the workers last spring for the first time in history. This installment picks up with the workers on the picket line to win their victory.)

The relief kitchen ran out of coffee, and credentials were drawn up and presented to two of us to go out and get some coffee. We were given no money. The financial status of the union was dangerously low, so from that moment on, we were officially known as the strike relief committee.

No Objections

We got the coffee in one of Leighton's and one of "The Boys" Cafeteria. We were not asked to get any canned milk, sugar or snails. We did not think there would be any objection if we did. We did, and as we suspected, there was no objection.

From then on we were on the go for 22 consecutive hours. We stormed the gates of some of the leading bakeries with poor results. We had no locomotion, except, of course, foot power.

Our efforts were meeting with very unsatisfactory results, until I finally hit on an idea. Restaurants inclined to be sympathetic were appealed to and asked to take any amount of men they chose to feed directly from the picket line. The restaurants decided how many of the pickets they would adopt, and the men were sent there by our president, Jack Barola.

Restaurants Generous

Incidentally, a matter of two or three dollars in cash was picked up from restaurants who would not or could not at the time undertake to feed our men. I can be said that most of the restaurants along the Embarcadero responded generously.

When we finally got canvassing the restaurants, it developed that only about 185 men had been provided for. That wasn't so hot, but then I am not bragging about my part in the strike. I just mention it to show how deperate our position was. As a matter of fact, on the 4th and 5th day of the strike, a member of the Butchers Union, who knew of the financial status of our union, made a personal plea to his local and 75 pounds of A-No. 1 beef was immediately delivered to our relief kitchen.

I'm getting a little ahead of myself. On the third day, the Alaska packers had agreed to a modified set of demands. On the fourth day, the Union Fish Company capitulated. With a sigh of relief, our credential was turned in to our secretary.

We Win Out!

The packers agreed to pay \$65 a month, 50 cents an hour for overtime, an 8-hour day, no privileges enjoyed in the past to be denied. Wholesome meals and sanitary living conditions, that were to meet with the approval of our delegates, were secured.

A signal victory, which as Brother George Wolfe stated, represented a gain in increased wages of about a total of \$250,000.

And for this brilliant victory, Brother Wolfe did not receive a cent from the union. As a matter of fact, only one or two of the Executive Board received a so-called salary of \$1 a day.

This tremendous labor was carried on by Brothers Woolfe, Barola, Coleman, Lyons, West, and one or two others, practically gratis—for which the union is greatly indebted to these men.

Union Dispatchers Us

In order to shorten this story, I will skip the events of the next 24 hours only to record that in that time, the scabs unloaded and we were dispatched to take their places, were examined by doctors and placed on the payrolls of the Union Fish Company, aboard the Steamship "Glacier" at about 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 21st, four days after San Francisco Examiner said the boat had departed.

We were not permitted to leave the ship that night, so we had plenty of time to look the ship over.

(To be continued in next issue—"Aboard the S.S. Glacier.")

vote will be a powerful factor in the direction of building such an anti-fascist Farmer-Labor Party—and in the absence of the Farmer-Labor Party constitutes the most effective pressure against the administration for concessions to the working class.

FORCED LABOR IN CALIFORNIA

Shipped Out of S.F.,
Worker Is Fired
For Protest

By a Worker Correspondent

STOCKTON.—Prior to July 22nd, I was employed on Project 2107, located at Presidio Reservation, San Francisco. Then I was called to the WPA office, 450 Mission Street, and notified that I was to be shipped out to a camp.

I protested against being compelled to accept forced labor out of San Francisco County, but the clerk refused to grant my request to remain on city work projects and also threatened to have me expelled from receiving direct relief aid. The clerk explained that this camp was up to date and sanitary.

Disfranchisement

I requested to have an interview with Ralph J. Wakefield, supervisor of the Division of Employment, that was granted. Mr. Wakefield refused my request to have the right to choose where I desired to live and work. I explained that his office was attempting to disfranchise qualified voters, and he stated there was nothing he could do but that he had orders to ship us out.

Finally I was compelled to accept this forced labor at Blister Rust camp, No. 4, Sonora. I was guaranteed \$40 per month pay, less \$8 per month board. After working one week, we received notice of a wage cut of 40 cents.

I immediately made objection to this cut, but also as to conditions at this camp. The camp was far from being sanitary, as stated to me by the clerk and I vouched for by Mr. Wakefield.

The camp has no flooring—dirt floors, dust, ants, no drainage system for the bath or clothes wash waters. The dirty waters are allowed to stand in pools and soak into the ground in front of the tents.

I personally filed a complaint to Wakefield as regards these unsanitary conditions, also protested against the wage cut of 40 cents. This 40 cents is small, but being principle, is worth fighting for, or otherwise more wage cuts will follow.

As a result of my actions attempting to protect my rights, I was fired on August 10th. I got a letter back from Wakefield, white-washing the whole thing.

Open Letter to Sen. Copeland

By a Marine Fireman

Here is an open letter to the Hon. Senator Royal S. Copeland:

The seamen took special notice of the fact that you as the father of the Copeland Bill, that has reached the heart of every seaman to no small extent, took special pains to sail in the Italian Steamer Rex, with Mr. W. R. Hearst, who also holds a tender spot in the heart of all laboring classes in this country and others.

How one ship is able to stand two rattlesnakes is more than most seamen can understand—or, pardon the mistake, not meaning to insult the rattlesnake.

Please let me call your attention to Title IX, Miscellaneous Provisions, Section 901. In your haste to help the seamen, you have been the first one to break the law that Mr. Rat Hearst, with your help, was able to get passed in the 74th Congress.

Just one more question—are you and Hearst going to Italy to teach Mussolini true Fascism, as Mussolini is a piker along side of either of you. Wishing both of you a speedy trip to Hell, with your Fascist Bill (H.R. 8597).

Here's a Bread And Butter Proposition

Workers in the shops and factories and agricultural fields!

The Western Worker, and particularly this page, is a bread-and-butter proposition for you. Our newspaper is a guide to organization, to fighting for better conditions for the working people, to unifying all the forces of labor against the reactionary terror and oppression by the ruling class of California.

The way to utilize the Western Worker and this Workers' Correspondence Page to win better conditions for yourself and your fellow workers, is first to write up your own struggles in the shop or the battles and issues of your union; second, to order a bundle of the issue in which your story will appear for circulation among your fellow workers. We will be glad to publish answers to any question you may have concerning how to win better conditions.

Write in today—and order a bundle at the low rates of 2 1/2 cents per copy.

L.A. Department Store Gyps Workers

By a Worker Correspondent

LOS ANGELES.—The J. W. Robinson Company, a department store, sure gyps its workers. Here is the letter that I wrote to Walter Schneider, president of the company, when I was fired:

"I was hired to work at your store as a tailor in the third floor alterations, and was hired at \$5 per day, but when dismissed last month, I was only paid by the month, which left two days not paid for."

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This letter was written May 14th, but so far I haven't gotten any answer from Schneider.

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Peace, Freedom and Security are at Stake, Says Browder

ALANDON CHOICE OF ASCIS T MINDED CAPITAL, ROOSEVELT IS NO BARRIER, SAYS IN S. F.

Roosevelt Gives Way to Reaction, Communist Candidate for President Points Out

that the only alternative is immediate socialism and violent revolution. In this way they hope to stampede all those who are not ready for socialism into the fascist camp.

That is why Hearst, Landon, and the Liberty League, denounce the New Deal and Roosevelt's course as socialistic and even communistic, although all intelligent people know there isn't an ounce of socialism in the Washington administration.

They thus aim to discredit socialism by smearing it with the failures of the New Deal, while at the same time they would frighten the non-socialists into the fascist line-up by declaring this election would decide the choice between capitalism and socialism.

In this situation Norman Thomas, presidential candidate of the Socialist Party, has brought forward the same slogan as the reactionaries, socialism or capitalism, demanding that the fundamental line-up in 1936 shall be on this issue, and refusing to associate himself with other progressive forces.

He refuses to see any immediate menace of fascism, and is indifferent to the need for a broad united front to defeat the reactionaries.

As a consequence of this ostrich-like attitude, of his failure to confront the pressing danger of reaction, the Socialist Party has refused immediate participation in the immediate political struggles of the people; it rejects the People's Front; it comes into head-on collision with the progressive labor movement; it drifts into sectarian isolation. The leadership of the Socialist Party does not see that there can be no effective fight against capitalism without defeating the immediate menace of reaction that socialism cannot be won unless we defeat the reactionaries.

Norman Thomas showed what dangerous company such a wrong policy will bring one into, when in the past weeks he performed two stunts which earned him the enthusiastic cheers of Hearst, the Liberty League, and the Republican press.

The first of these was his appearance at the Townsend convention in Cleveland, the second was his notorious correspondence with Landon. It is worth while to examine both incidents in some detail.

Father Coughlin had appeared spectacularly before the Townsend convention, apparently on behalf of Lemke, but in reality as the whole world knows, in

the interest of Landon. He made that very interesting remark about the "unholy trinity" which he identified as "Roosevelt, Landon and Browder."

But the convention would not perform, according to demand; a diversion was needed, to gain time and to stop the delegates from taking any step toward the Farmer-Labor Party movement.

A brilliant maneuver was hatched in some fertile mind, whether that of Gerald Smith or Father Coughlin is not disclosed.

Before acting on Lemke, a motion was adopted to invite other candidates also to speak. But the motion named, not Coughlin's "unholy trinity" but the name of Norman Thomas, a different combination, in which had taken the place of Browder.

Why the change? Because the reactionary gentlemen manipulate the Townsend convention knew that a speech by Browder would make their task more difficult while a speech by Norman Thomas would make it easier. And the event proved them correct.

Thomas did help them. Instead of attacking their misleaders he made a head-on attack against the whole movement for old-age pensions; he raised the issue of socialism instead of an old-age pension; he denounced the Townsend plan, not for its reactionary sales-tax feature, but for its progressive feature of promise of comfort to the aged; he conveniently forgot that the Socialist Party and Thomas himself are on record for the Workers' Oldage, Unemployment, and Social Insurance Bill, which promises more to the aged than the McGroarty Bill supported by Townsend; he accused Townsend of demagogically offering the aged too much.

In short, Thomas did everything to convince the Townsend convention that it could look for no sympathy or support from which he was supposed to be the other smaller parties, for speaking.

He deliberately provoked the old people to boo him and then turned to bask in the sunshine of praise for his "courage" which was heaped upon him by Hearst, and by the Republican Party press. It was a most illuminating and educational incident, showing how the slogan of socialism, as used by Thomas, can be used to help elect the most anti-socialist and pro-fascist candidate in the elections.

Norman Thomas and Alf Landon

The second incident was Thomas's correspondence with Landon. Everyone who knows politics at all, knows that Landon's labor policy is that of the people who made him candidate, Hearst and Wall Street.

The Republican platform on labor policy consists of a few nice words which for years have been known to mean "open shop" in the sense of the U. S. Steel Corporation, enforced by club, gun and poison gas, as well as blacklist.

The Steel Institute had just emphasized this by using the identical words of the platform in its half-million dollar advertising campaign declaring war upon the effort to unionize the steel workers. In this setting, Landon made his acceptance speech, more bluntly and openly for company unions than the Steel Institute advertisements.

That political blunder was immediately pointed out to him, and he was urged to "explain" this a little in order to avoid driving even the reactionary Republican trade union leaders into such a position that they would be forced to desert him. But how was Landon to quickly find a pretext for this camouflage? It was an embarrassment.

Landon's Backers

Let me emphasize the Communist estimate of Landon.

He is the candidate of the most reactionary forces in America. He and Knox were hand-picked over a year ago by William Randolph Hearst, the enemy of all progress and decency, chief exponent of fascism in

America and friend of Hitler and Mussolini abroad.

He is supported by the Liberty League, by Morgan, by the duPonts, by the Rockettellers, by all the kings of monopoly who oppress and exploit the workers and farmers. His platform is a program of attack against

the living standards and liberties of the people, it is the program of reaction, which would carry us a long way on the road to fascism and war. Landon and Knox are the main enemy who must be defeated at all costs.

The case of Roosevelt and the Democratic platform is not so simple. Roosevelt also stands for capitalism. But as between reaction and democracy, Roosevelt is striving to follow a middle course.

He therefore wavers between the pressure from the reactionaries (both Republican and Democratic) and the pressure from the progressive forces. For the past year, he retreated steadily before the reactionary attack; but in the election platform and his acceptance speech a progressive note was struck. Thus the Roosevelt administration combines forces of both sides, and follows a zig-zag course.

It is against this indecisive position of Roosevelt that the reactionaries rage. They demand a frontal attack against the living standards and democratic rights of the people.

They demand decisive step toward fascism and war.

At the same time, it is this indecisiveness of Roosevelt which shows clearly that he is no bulwark against reaction and fascism.

It shows how impossible it is

Stand on Roosevelt

Roosevelt's supporters in these unions and in the Farmer-Labor Party movement generally ask us why we Communists, agree with them in so many other respects, do not also support Roosevelt this year as the practical alternative to Landon, the Wall Street man. We answer this question:

We are in full agreement with the progressive unions and the bulk of the Farmer-Labor movement that Landon and Knox are the chief enemy which must be defeated at all costs.

But we insist, firstly, that Roosevelt is no bulwark against reaction; secondly, that to defeat Landon and do it in a way most advantageous to labor and all forces of progress, it is necessary that the progressives act as a united and independent force; and thirdly, that the progressives, therefore, must adopt a critical attitude toward Roosevelt and assume no political responsibility for him.

We have seen too much in the past of the way in which Roosevelt is influenced.

We have seen him make concessions to the reactionaries, precisely because there was not sufficient counter-pressure from the left by the independent action of the progressives.

We have seen that to rely on Roosevelt leads to passivity and prevents the rapid building of the people's front, the farmer-labor Party.

We have seen how the failure to build the Farmer-Labor Party, and the failure to press forward with independent action and organization left the way open for Coughlin and Lemke to exploit the desperation of millions of suffering people with their half fascist Union Party, an adventure which in reality has but one purpose, the election of Landon.

The platform of the Union Party which was cooked up by Coughlin and Hearst, makes use of vague phrases designed to attract the farmer and worker, but it is silent on the most important questions of higher wages, trade union organization, old-age pensions, relief to the unemployed and the needy farmers, in its abject submission to the irresponsible rule of the Supreme Court, and in its war-provoking jingoism, it is more openly reactionary than the Republican platform.

The best indication of the real program of Coughlin and Lemke is their savage attacks against

for the progressive forces to rely upon Roosevelt to defeat reaction. The progressive forces must organize for independent political action in a Farmer-Labor Party, which is the specific American form of the people's front.

If there had been a Farmer-Labor national ticket this year, the Communist Party would have thrown its support behind these candidates and not put forward its own ticket.

We have been, we continue to be, ready to unite our strength with any really effective progressive political action of the masses to keep the reactionaries out of power.

In the absence of a Farmer-Labor ticket, with no effective efforts at national unity of the progressive forces, we bring forward our own separate ticket and platform, using them always in such a way as to advance and strengthen the Farmer-Labor Party movement throughout the country and supporting all local and State Farmer-Labor tickets.

The largest part of the Farmer-Labor Party movement is supporting the re-election of Roosevelt. That is the chief reason why there is no Farmer-Labor ticket this year. The big progressive trade unions, led by John L. Lewis were mainly responsible for the progressive note in the Democratic platform.



anything with the slightest tinge of progressivism.

The clear aim of this Coughlin-Lemke stunt is to make use of the discontent with Roosevelt's concessions to reaction in order to bring full victory to reaction by electing Landon.

It is because Coughlin, and his ally Gerald K. Smith, saw in the chaos of the Townsend movement's leadership an opportunity to throw votes to Landon, and a chance to divert the old-age pension movement into fascist channels, that they carried out their maneuver at Cleveland to the cheers of the Wall Street and Republican press, to the joy of the worst enemies of the needy old people and of all who suffer and starve that the monopolies may grow fat. A vote for Lemke is a vote for Landon and Wall Street.

Not the fake Union Party of Coughlin, Lemke, and Hearst, but the united front of labor, the farmers, and all progressives in a Farmer-Labor Party built by the people and controlled by the people, will defeat reaction and protect our interests.

California and Fascism

The Communists stand for unity in the labor movement. The action of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor in suspending the 10 big unions of the Committee for Industrial Organization, is threatening to split the trade unions. We declare this is a colossal crime against the interests of the workers of all unions as well as the unorganized masses.

It brings joy to the American Iron and Steel Institute, to Wall Street, to the open-shoppers and reactionaries; it arouses indignation and protest among the workers. It is at the same time a clear violation of the laws of the A.F.L. itself, and shows what contempt the little groups of reactionary leaders, who arrogate supreme power to them-

selves, look upon the democratic rights of the union membership.

This attempt to split the ranks of labor must be repulsed and defeated by the prompt and energetic protest and action of unions and their membership everywhere. The members of the craft unions, whose officers misrepresent them in this action, must join hands with the membership of the C.I.O. unions, to fight uncompromisingly to maintain and extend a powerful, united A.F.L.

California has been prematurely called a "Fascist" state because it has more than its share of reactionary forces, open-shop employers, vigilantism, and the very militant Industrial Association and Waterfront Employers Association.

We demand a 30-hour week without reduction in earnings, at trade union rates and conditions, in private industry and on public works.

We oppose the present rail-

But California, and especially the San Francisco Bay area, has something which is the best guarantee against the advance of Fascism, and that is a strong trade union movement in which the progressive forces are growing stronger every day. In the forefront stand the militant maritime unions of the San Francisco waterfront.

I can testify to the fact that the example of unity and solidarity given by the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast and its resulting successes in improving the conditions of what was formerly one of the most exploited sections of workers in any industry, has had a great influence and given a powerful impetus to the labor movement, not only in every Pacific Coast port, but on the East Coast as well, and generally throughout the country.

determined to continue their union activities aimed toward smashing the unions, and are employing as one of their methods the well-known tactic of "Red-baiting," of creating a "Red scare," by raising the cry that the Communists are out to capture the unions in order to organize strikes for their own sakes. They try to describe Communists and all militants as troublemakers. That is nonsense.

The Communist Party is not interested in fomenting strikes for strikes sakes. We know too well the heavy cost of strikes to the workers to advise irresponsibly any unnecessary strikes.

We are not hoping for a strike in the marine industry. We rather hope for a settlement which will take into full account the just demands of the marine workers. In saying that, we

MARITIME UNIONS OF WEST COAST HAVE ENCOURAGED THE WORKERS THROUGHOUT USA

Tells How Fascist Encroachment In Calif. Can Be Halted By Workingclass

nto law. This bill provides for jobs, educational training for all young people between the ages of 16 and 25.

The National Youth Administration budget must be maintained and enlarged.

Military training in the CCC and schools must be abolished.

Free education and financial assistance to the youth and the children must be guaranteed by both federal and state appropriations.

Child labor must once and for all be abolished and made unconstitutional.

IV.—Free the Farmers from debts, Unbearable Tax Burden and Foreclosures, Guarantee the Land to Those Who Till the Soil.

We declare that the American government is obliged to save the American farmers from distress and ruin, to guarantee the farmers and tenants their inalienable right to possession of their land, their homes, and their chattels. We demand for this purpose the immediate re-financing of the farmers' debts with government loans at nominal interest.

We demand a halt to evictions and foreclosures, a long-term moratorium on all needy farmers' debts, and the adoption of measures to provide land for the landless farmers.

We favor immediate relief to the drought-stricken farmers by the government. We favor a graduated land tax to prevent the accumulation of large landholdings in the hands of the insurance companies, private and governmental banks, and other absentee owners.

We favor exemption from taxation of small operating farmers and farm cooperatives.

We are unalterably opposed to the policy of crop destruction and curtailment.

We support government regulation of farm prices with the aim of guaranteeing to the farmer his cost of production. We urge scientific soil conservation under supervision of the elected representatives of farmers' organizations, with compensation to farmer-owners and tenants or loss of income.

V.—The Rich Hold the Wealth of Our Country. Make the Rich Pay!

Demand that social and labor legislation shall be financed and the budget balanced by taxation of the rich. We are opposed to sales taxes in any form, including processing taxes, and call for their immediate repeal. The main source of government finance must be a system of sharply graduated taxation upon the incomes of over \$5,000 a year, upon corporate profits and surpluses, as well as taxation upon the present tax exempt securities and large gifts and inheritances. People of small income, small property, and home owners, must be protected against foreclosures and seizures and from burdensome taxes and high interest rates.

We are unconditionally opposed to inflationary policies which bring catastrophe and ruin to the workers, farmers and middle classes, and enrich the speculators.

We favor nationalization of the entire banking system.

VI.—Defend and Extend Democratic Rights and Civil Liberties. Curb the Supreme Court!

We support a constitutional amendment to put an end to the dictatorial and usurped powers of the Supreme Court. We demand further that Congress immediately reassert its constitutionally reassert its constitution.

Aims Can Be Won

This program has grown out of the struggles of the trade unions, of the unemployed, of the farmers, of the youth, of the Negro people, of the professionals.

It is important to stress that it could be financed by the present national income on a minimum basis, and could be achieved within the present capitalist order.

There is only one real argument made against this program, namely, that it would cost too much. But that is nonsense.

It is the present refusal to carry out this program, it is the reactionary proposal to move rather in the opposite direction that costs too much—costs in destruction of the lives and hap-

national power to enact social and labor legislation and to curb the Supreme Court's usurpation.

We champion the unrestricted freedom of speech, press, radio and assembly and the right to organize and strike. We call upon the people to safeguard these traditional liberties.

We stand for federal legislation which will establish labor's full right to collective bargaining, which will outlaw the company unions, the spy and stool-pigeon systems, and all other coercion by employers.

We demand heavy penalties and imprisonment for employers guilty of discharging workers for union or political activities.

We demand the abolition of poll taxes and all other limitations on the right to vote.

We demand the release of political prisoners, among whom Tom Mooney, Angelo Herndon and the Scottsboro boys are the outstanding examples.

The infamous policy of deportation of foreign-born workers must be stopped. The traditional American right of asylum for political refugees must be reestablished. Anti-semitic propaganda must be prohibited by law.

VII.—Full Rights for the Negro People.

We demand that the Negro people be guaranteed completely equal rights to jobs, equal pay for equal work, the full right to organize, vote, serve on juries, and hold public office. Segregation and discrimination against Negroes must be declared a crime. Heavy penalties must be established against mob rule, floggers and kidnappers, with the death penalty for lynchings. We demand the enforcement of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the Constitution.

VIII.—Keep America out of War by Keeping War out of the World!

We declare that peace must be maintained and defended at all costs. We declare in favor of strengthening all measures for collective security. We favor effective financial and economic measures to this end by the League of Nations against Hitler, Germany, Italian fascism, and Japanese imperialism. These measures should be supported by the United States Government.

We consider the expenditure of billions for armaments and war preparations unnecessary and provocative, contributing to the danger of a new world war.

Instead of ever-greater armaments, we believe that the United States should develop an American Peace Policy in close collaboration with the Soviet Union, based on complete prohibition of the sale or delivery of goods, or the granting of loans, to nations engaged in a foreign war contrary to the provisions of the Kellogg Peace Pact. The huge funds now spent for armaments should be turned to the support of the suffering people.

We demand the nationalization of the entire munitions industry.

We demand an end to American intervention in the internal affairs of the Latin-American countries and the Philippines.

We demand the strict non-recognition of the Japanese conquests in Manchuria and China and the Italian conquest of Ethiopia.

We support the Puerto Rican demand for independence. We support the complete independence and self-determination of all oppressed nations.

We have the richest country in the world, with enough and plenty for all—once we make up our minds to make use of our resources sensibly. This program is not Socialism—which requires a fundamental reorganization of our whole life, which requires a revolution, but which would provide many times the well-being envisaged in this immediate program.

All of these aims can be won when the people take the road of independent political action in a Farmer-Labor Party, and compel the capitalist to disgorge some of the wealth they have taken from the people. The American people have

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I.L.A. 38-79 Protests to Roosevelt Against Copeland Act

SHOWS DANGER TO ORGANIZED LABOR IN U.S.

Longshoremen to Aid Seamen Against Vicious Law

SAN FRANCISCO—Realizing the danger lurking for all organized labor in the Copeland Act, I.L.A. Local 38-79 has sharply gone on record for a fight against it.

Copies of the following resolution have been sent to President Roosevelt and Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins.

WHEREAS: The Copeland-Bland Bill (H.R. 8507), providing for the issuance of continuous discharge books for seamen has been passed in both House of Congress, and has been signed by President Roosevelt, and

WHEREAS: Such continuous discharge books, with their entries as to "character" and "discipline" records of seamen, and with their bearing of the photo of the seamen have been found by the seamen in past periods to have constituted a blacklisting system against seamen who are outspoken in their demands for decent conditions and for enforcement of agreements with their respective unions, and

WHEREAS: Among other provisions of the Copeland-Bland Act is one which calls for suspension or revocation of certificates for "misbehavior, negligence or unskillfulness," descriptions which officers or shipping companies could easily, if so inclined, apply to seamen who are outspoken for decent conditions or enforcement of existing agreements with the unions, and

WHEREAS: Such a law as the Copeland-Bland Act would take away the principal gains won by the seamen in the 1934 maritime strike, and

WHEREAS: Such an act applied against the seamen is a serious threat against the working conditions, wages, hours and right to bargain collectively through local trade unions or all maritime workers, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, Local 38-79 of the I.L.A. go on record against enforcement of the Copeland-Bland Act and in support of the struggles of the seamen against this vicious blacklisting Act, and be it further

RESOLVED: That, Local 38-79 call upon President Franklin D. Roosevelt not to permit enforcement of the Copeland-Bland Act, and be it further

RESOLVED: That, A mass meeting of protest be called by the Federation.

Boilermakers Ask Man on Marine Bd.

SAN FRANCISCO—Local 6 of the Boilermakers has endorsed Asst. International President J. N. Davis for a place on the Maritime Commission, set up under the shipbuilding subsidy law.

The union feels it is entitled to representation, since over 70% of the men employed in iron and steel shipbuilding come under its jurisdiction, it states.

The union feels that a union man has as much right on the Commission as employers' agents.

General Strike Looms in Syracuse

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Sentiment for a general strike in this important industrial city has grown in the past few days, due to the shooting of two Remington Typewriter strikers by police.

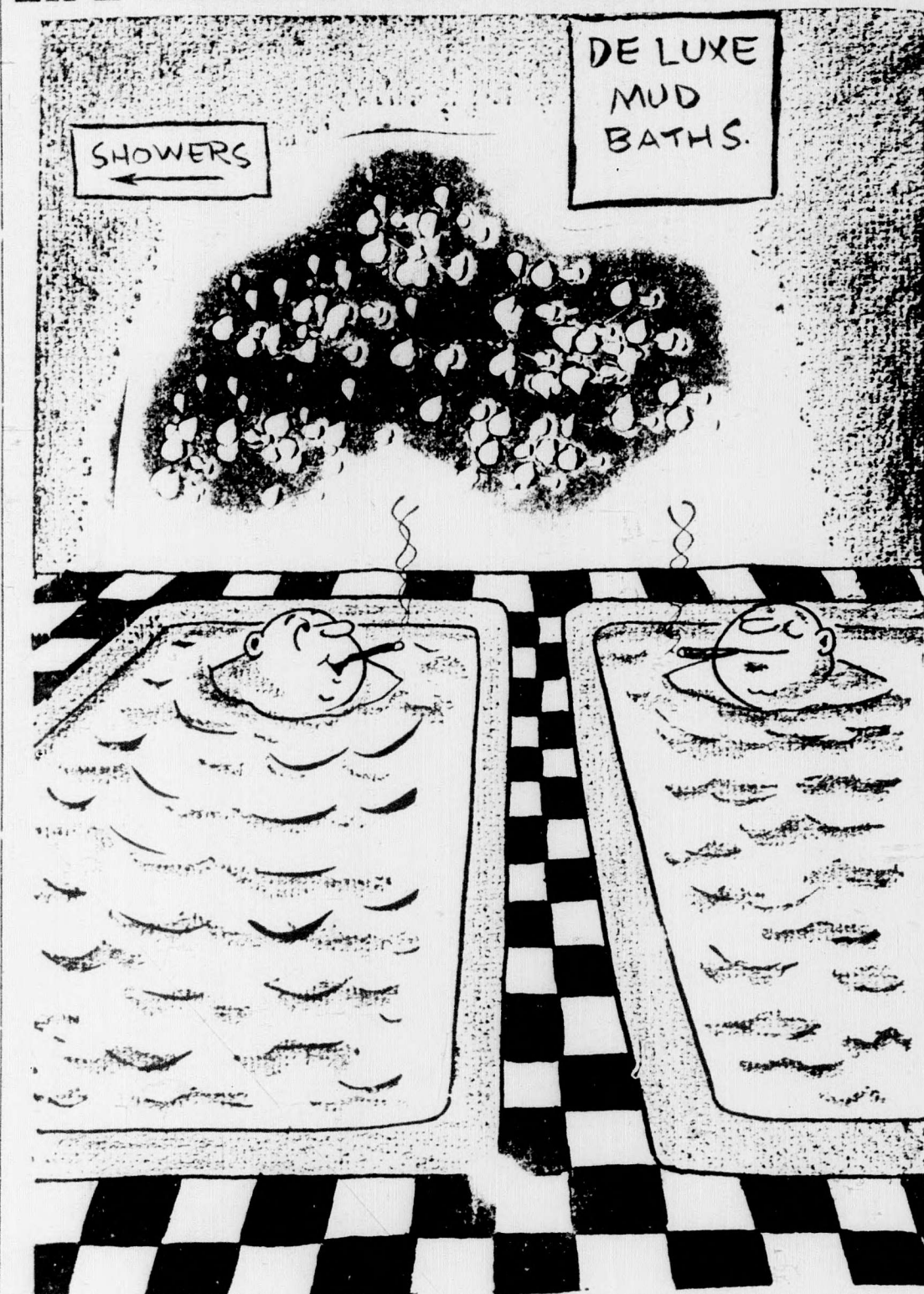
The Central Labor Council has demanded the removal of Police Capt. Irving Blanchard. The Labor Council secretary was to discuss a general strike with William Green.

PRINTERS REFUSE TO WORK AS GUILD STRIKES HEARST PAPER

SEATTLE—The Newspaper Guild hit back at William Randolph Hearst and called a strike of editorial employees on the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The strike was called to protest the recent discharge of two members for union activity. The discharged men are

LIFE AMONG THE OPEN SHOPPERS



"I'm still active in business, too."—By Redfield

WAS BILL GREEN'S FACE RED—THE GUILD WOULDN'T HAVE HIM

WASHINGTON.—Was the laugh on Bill Green, and was his face red? Well, judge for yourself.

"Agitators From Outside"—This Time Its Bosses

LOS ANGELES.—The Los Angeles Times not surprisingly hails with glee the action of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce in opening a drive to make that town open shop.

"The action of the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce," says the Times, "in declaring for the open shop is a courageous move to check the Bridges campaign for control of the food and transportation industry."

A "Mysterious Plot"

Thus the lie boils up again that for some mysterious reason, Harry Bridges wants to become dictator of California, or rather this time, dictator of Long Beach. Probably he wants to set up an independent Soviet republic of Long Beach, or so you gather from the Times.

The Times lauds the Merchants and Manufacturers Assn. of Los Angeles for promising to help the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce in making the town open shop.

It's curious, though, that when a brother union leader is sent for from some other town to help workers organize, the open shoppers shout "outside agitator." It's O.K., it seems, for the Los Angeles bosses to step in and assist the Long Beach bosses.

ILGWU STILL PICKETS SOME L. A. SHOPS

LOS ANGELES—Nearly 60 dress shops have signed closed union shop agreements with the International Ladies Garment Workers Union as a result of the recent three-day general strike of the dressmakers, it is announced by union officials.

About 20 shops have not signed a union contract. They are being picketed by members of the I.L.G.W.U. Police are still stationed at the "open shops" throughout the garment district.

PATERSON, N. J.—Novelty Silk Workers Local 989 called on the A.F.L. Council to support the C.I.O. in its organizing work.

DUAL MACHINE LOCAL MEETS REBUFF IN S.F.

Was Established to Break E. Bay Strike Of 1800 Men

OAKLAND.—While organized labor increases its support to the 1800 striking machinists (members of the expelled Local 284) International organizer Nash and Vice-President Grow increase their support to the employers.

The new, dual, strikebreaking local organized by Nash is now given an official name—Local 149. Nash is offering cut-rate initiation fees to get machinists to join.

Grow, at the request of the open-shop Hall-Scott Motor Co., one of the truck shops, sent a personal letter to all employees, asking them to quit the strike, return at the old rates against which the men struck, and leave their fate in Nash's strike-breaking hands.

Local 68, Machinists of San Francisco, will carry the fight for Local 284 to the international convention of the Machinists Union, to be held at Milwaukee in September. Local 68 wants all machinists to know that it does not recognize the Nash dual local, 149, but only local 284.

Unity Won Ship Strike in Gulf

HOUSTON, Tex.—The seamen on the S.S. Margaret Lykes won their strike because of united action by sailors and the longshoremen.

After an hour's negotiations the crew won all its demands for better conditions. The rank and file held out for a signed, authorized statement complying with all demands, and got it. Ship's officers also supported them.

Vigilantism In Santa Rosa

SANTA ROSA—A year after workers were tarred-and-feathered here by vigilante terrorists, who openly bragged about their action, a former "G-Man" has been sent here to investigate the atrocity.

A Sonoma County grand jury has been sworn in and instructed particularly on the tar-and-feather vigilante. The former "G-Man" is reported to have turned over affidavits from two victims of the vigilantes, Sol Nitzberg and Jack Green, to the grand jury.

Whether the known vigilantes are prosecuted, was believed to depend upon the amount of popular pressure placed upon State Attorney General U. S. Webb. Wide mass pressure forced the current investigation.

Vernon D. Healy, Communist candidate for Congress in this district, was one of the vigilante victims.

RAIL UNIONS WILL NOT AID STRIKE FOES

CHICAGO.—The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen have both ruled that members are not required to handle trains in a strike when the latter are under police protection.

This resulted from the railroad union men being forced recently to run trains of the Northwestern Barb Wire Co. at Stirling, where a strike of steel workers was in progress. The trains carried armed guards against the strikers.

SACRAMENTO POULTRY BOSS THREAT DIDN'T BLUFF UNION

SACRAMENTO.—Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast District I.L.A. President, was an observer at the conference between leaders of striking poultry produce warehousemen and officials of the Poultry Producers of California.

Both teamsters and warehousemen are on strike. When an employer from Petaluma threatened that the Producers would move their plant to that city if the strike continued, James Y. Henderson, Pacific Coast president of the Butchers Union told him the Producers could not afford to lose their large investment in Sacramento over a 5 cents an hour wage controversy.

TRAINMEN HEAD



CUSHIONS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS in comfort in rail locomotives were demanded by Pres. Arthur F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, in complaint filed with Interstate Commerce Commission. He said the men were tired of roasting and freezing at the same time.

STATE AIDS SUGAR SCABS

Highway Patrolmen Convoy Them

TRACY.—The strikers of the huge Holly Sugar Corp. are getting the able aid of members of the Stockton I.L.A. Not in "staging near riots," as the Tracy "Press" lyingly states, but in supporting the picket line.

One night the scabs were met by over 200 pickets and given an example of what scabs should get when they try to take the bread out of workers' mouths. Twenty-five deputy sheriffs arrived soon after.

The state politicians, who are elected by the workers, have been as usual giving support to the scabs. Highway Patrolmen have been convoying auto-loads of strikebreakers.

The Holly Co. officials came out with the usual bluff of closing the plant if the strikers don't return. It didn't work.

PROGRESSIVES ELECTED IN SACRAMENTO

SACRAMENTO.—Progressives have been elected to the State Federation of Labor Convention by both I.L.A. local 38-118, and Carmens Local 1344.

The I.L.A. Local elected its progressive president, Charlie Bingham. The Carmens elected George Wright.

Great Lakes Seamen Get Wage Boost

CLEVELAND.—Over 5000 workers of the smaller Great Lakes ship lines have won a 5 per cent wage increase, in an agreement made by I.S.U. branches with the companies.

Able seamen, firemen, oilers and water-tenders now get \$105 a month and ordinary seamen and coal passers \$77. Most of the Lakes seamen get less than 6 months employment a year.

LaFollette Committee Subpoenas Scab Agencies

WASHINGTON.—Investigating violations of civil liberties, the LaFollette senate committee has issued subpoenas requesting books and information, to 16 persons and to offices of three detective agencies.

The three agencies are the notorious strikebreaking Railway Audit and Inspection, W. S. Burns and Pinkerton detective firms.

CIO SUPPORT GROWS; SPEED UP CAMPAIGN

Oil Workers Rally Oklahoma Unions Behind It

TULSA, Okla.—Leaders of the growing International Assn. of Oil Field, Gas Well and Refinery Workers met here a few days ago, to devise methods for rallying the state labor movement behind support of the C.I.O. and against the illegal suspension of 10 unions, including the Oil Workers.

The State Federation Convention takes place at Ponca City Sept. 16, and the Oil Workers are planning for it. Labor Councils here and in Oklahoma City have not attempted to unseat Oil Workers delegates.

INDIANA HARBOR, Ind.—Indication of the great growth of the C.I.O. steel drive is shown by the fact that 500 steel workers joined the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers in the Calumet area. At one Sunday meeting in Gary 700 signed up.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn.—A corps of seven C.I.O. veteran organizers will come here soon to organize the thousands of General Electric workers into the United Electrical and Radio Workers of America.

Plumbers Head Aids Landon

NEW YORK.—Some gentlemen who pass for union leaders don't care how dirty and scabby the record of a politician is; they endorse him anyway.

Pres. John C. Cochran of the Plumbers International, will head the eastern office of the Republican labor committee, to elect Landon as president.

He will assist Pres. Hatcher of the Carpenters. Both are members of the A.F.L. Executive Council and were rabid for expelling the C.I.O. unions.

Big Labor Day For Stockton

STOCKTON.—Stockton Bargemen, members of the International Longshoremen's Association, met on August 16 and members gave their opinions regarding the renewal, amending or modification of agreements.

The agreements need to be clarified, since some parts are confusing.

The Bargemen's Union members have been called on to march on Labor Day, with other sections of the I.L.A. They will wear uniforms consisting of black caps, white shirts and white caps. Stockton expects a big Labor Day this year.

CROPPERS MEET IN SECRET TO MAP STRIKE

NEW ORLEANS.—A secretly held convention of the Sharecroppers Union held here mapped out a campaign to raise the starvation wages of Alabama's cotton field workers and to win ginning and selling rights for thousands of down-trodden sharecroppers and tenant farmers.

This was the first convention held by the 5-year old fighting union. Time and place of the convention had not been publicly announced, due to the extreme terror.

The executive council was instructed to investigate the possibility of a strike to win \$1 for 100 lbs. for cotton pickers and \$1.50 for other farm workers. A drive for a \$3000 emergency fund will be started at once.

UNION WINS 23 YEAR FIGHT

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.—The Machinists Union ended a battle which began in 1913. The Duplex Printing Co. signed an agreement granting union recognition and wage increases.

BEET FIELD SLAVERY

DENVER.—The maximum a family can earn in the beet fields of Colorado is \$195 a season. Under the contract system wife and children must aid a man to take care of 10 acres.

UNION WAGES!



BUILDING THE WORLD'S LARGEST PIPELINE, but not getting the wages they're entitled to. Thousands of workers have been working on this new 242-mile pipeline to carry the waters of the Colorado River to Los Angeles and other West Coast cities.

SECURITY A MAIN ISSUE

Browder Tells C.P. 1936 Position

(Cont. from page 7) shown in many ways that they will fight against the threat of fascism.

It will be much better that we put down the fascist menace now, before it gets drunk with power, so that we will not have to abolish this danger in the way the heroic Spanish people have been forced to take in these past weeks.

I have faith that the American people will keep our American fascists out of power. The many signs that this is so are the reasons why Hearst and the Liberty League, with their puppet Landon, must clothe their reactionary program in the garb of "liberty and freedom." To win freedom and liberty, the people must fight for it, and they must defeat Hearst, the Liberty League and Landon.

This is the program which the Communist Party brings to the American people in 1936. In fighting for liberty and for their daily bread, the people will learn those deeper lessons which will eventually prepare them for that necessary reorganization of our social life which can be achieved only by taking the road to Socialism.

Our program to meet the immediate needs is one which preserves the possibility for the American people to choose the Socialist path when they will think it necessary, a choice which the capitalists would deny them the right ever to make by fascist force and violence.

It is not the Communist Party which is the advocate of force and violence. It is the capitalists with their Black Legions, Ku Klux Klans, vigilantes, strikebreakers, and other instruments, who use violence against the people.

We Communists maintain that the American people can and will be won for Socialism. But that cannot be done by making Socialism an issue to divide the anti-fascists today. It can be done only by rallying the people to fight for their immediate and most burning needs, and organizing them against their most dangerous enemies—Landon, Hearst and the Liberty League.

In waging this fight against reaction, the American people are but carrying on our glorious revolutionary traditions, which

SUSPENSION OF CIO SCORED BY KIDWELL LOCAL

Bakery Wagon Locals Unite for Sept. Negotiations

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco Bakery Wagon Drivers, of which George Kidwell is secretary, have sent a letter to William Green, asking reconsideration of the suspension of the 10 C.I.O. unions. The Bakery Wagon Drivers urge that the matter be left to the November convention of the A.F.L.

The letter says in part:

"Without regard to the merits of the opposing points of view on this matter, our members cannot understand why the executive council should disqualify representatives of these ten great national unions to be represented at the coming convention of the federation, with full participating rights in a discussion of the best methods and policy for the extension of organization to the unorganized workers of our country."

A joint council will represent the Northern California Bakery Wagon Drivers locals when they meet with employers to reconsider terms of their contracts, which expire Sept. 1.

A New Departure Among the locals to be represented will be Fresno, San Jose, Salinas, Sacramento, Oakland, San Francisco. In previous years each local made an individual contract with the employers in its own city.

L.A. Carpenters In Protest

LOS ANGELES.—The District Council of carpenters has filed protest with the board of supervisors against the 48 hour work week in effect on construction projects at the county fair grounds.

A. M. Hart, secretary of the District Council, criticized the ruling of the County Council, who said that the supervisors could not legally alter the 48-hour week as provided in the contract between the builders and the county.

Hart said the 48 hour week violated a federal law which called for a maximum work week of 40 hours. Hart demanded that the supervisors should make the 40 hour week stand on all county projects in the future.

Bedding Shops Unionizing

SAN DIEGO.—Workers in bedding and upholstering shops here are really going out to be unionized, and have appealed to Upholsterers Union, Local 15, of Los Angeles, for help.

They want to join a progressive union, and win decent conditions.

which are the most hallowed heritage of our history. Our country was born and preserved in revolutionary struggles.

Today the American people face a far deeper crisis than that that have gone before. We Communists are confident that they will meet and solve it in the some spirit with which our people solved the crises of 1776 and 1861.

We are proud that we can truly say that Communism is the Americanism of the twentieth century, that in the great struggles to come the Communist Party will carry forward the revolutionary traditions of our past to a higher stage.

We will show the American people the way to a better and more secure life in the present, and to a future of peace, freedom, happiness and prosperity for all.

SAN JOSE LAUNDRY BOSSES ACT TOUGH, DELAY STRIKE PEACE

SAN JOSE.—Since the employers are trying to present a tough front, the strike of 500 members of the Laundry Workers Union for better wages is liable to last some time yet.

Federal mediator Mathewson had been trying for over a month to bring about a settlement, but the employers sabotaged efforts at peace. Mathewson had to leave for Tampa, Fla., where a maritime strike situation exists.

Fred G. Volkers, Building Trades Council business agent, was appointed by Ed. Vandeleur as head of the strike committee (an undemocratic procedure, by the way). He said the union plans to seek individual union-recognized agreement with each of the eight plants remaining on strike. Two companies signed up before the strike, two since.